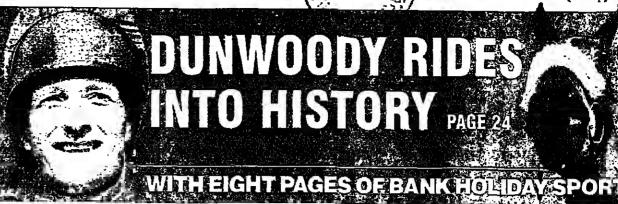
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Dying, as the West bickers

REFUGEES FROM Kosovo are By Marcus Tanner dying of disease and exhaustion while Western governments the KLA complained that if wrangle over plans to fly victims

from the war zone. get out of Yugoslavia.

Last night 85,000 refugees were still marooned in two cold Norway today. and muddy stretches of no man's land. Many are succumbing to disease. "We need to get these people out," warned a UNHCR spokeswoman, "It is terrible there. It is extremely muddy. We have already weakened people who went through a harrowing experience for four days. They have not eaten."

With the total number of Kosovo refugees close to

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850,000 - of whom more than of the disaster.

Governments met in Geneva yesterday and agreed to start moving refugees out of the region by bus and plane, but Clare Short, the Secretary of State for International Development, said talk of a huge air lift of refugees was irrelevant.

Speaking after touring refugee camps in Macedonia, Ms Short said: "I'm here in Macedonia and there are thousands and thousands of people on the other side of the border not being fed, babies are being born, people are becoming sick.

"If everyone is in a tizz in London talking about getting people out of the region, it's irrelevant to the crisis we have here."

The European Union aid commissioner, Emma Bonino, agreed, warning that planes could not lift more than a fraction of the refugees to safety and might clash with Nato's need to keep the airspace open

refugees were dispersed all over the world, pressure on Ser-More than 30 bodies were bia to allow them back will taken from the squalid refugee evaporate. Albania said it would camp on the Macedonian fron-refuse to let refugees leave, as tier in bags yesterday as border this would be complicit with guards donned gas masks to "ethnic cleansing". No refugees shut out the sickening stench have been flown out of Macefrom packed crowds waiting to donia or Albania so far. The first 90, needing urgent medical help, are expected to go to

> Talk of airlifts is directed partly at restive Macedonia, where the local Slav majority bitterly resents the Albanian influx and wants guarantees that the refugees will be moved on. The Skopje government said it would not accept any more unless it knows they will be found shelter elsewhere. But Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, needs to placate Macedonia if his plan to set up a safe haven, or "sanctuary", for 100,000 refugees patrolled by Nato troops is to get off the ground.

> Skopje airport remained idle yesterday, leading Macedonia to accuse the West of reneging on its promises. "The air bridge did not start functioning because the countries which promised to accept the refugees did not issue permits for the planes to land," one official said. UN workers in Skopje said they feared that the operation may take days to prepare.

By then the numbers may 360,000 have fled since Nato have rocketed. By the end of strikes began 12 days ago - today the UN expects the numthere are clear signs of panic in ber of refugees to climb from 360,000 to 430,000. On Sunday alone the Serbs herded 34,000 Kosovars into Albania and 10.000 to Macedonia.

> Western leaders are scrambling to co-ordinate a threepronged policy on refugees, flying out a few, keeping most close to home, and cootinuing the air campaign in an effort to force Belgrade to let the refugees return home. Nato pledged to step up the air campaign last night after hitting air force, army and police headquarters near Belgrade at

dawn yesterday. But clear differences have emerged between the United States, which strongly backs airlifts, and the Europeans. The French Foreign Minister, Hubert Vedrine, has said evacuating large numbers would be "a victory" for Belgrade, while Germany, which housed 350,000 refugees during the Bosnian war, has made clear it does not want a repeat. Italy, which took in large numbers of refugees from Albania's own civil unrest. also wants to limit the flow.



A refugee from Kosovo trying to revive his wife, who collapsed after spending several days in a makeshift camp on the Yugoslav border

Darco BandiciAl

tells of a new massacre

A WOUNDED 10-year-old ref- BY EMMA DALY ugee from Kosovo yesterday said he saw Serbs massacring

19 of his relatives and neighbours in the city of Djakovica. The Serbs shot me, my mother and my three sisters, Dren Caka said after crossing into Albania in a car driven by his aunt and uncle. Dr Flori Bakalli, a refugee from Dren's home town working with the aid organisation Médecins du Monde, carried the child to an

in Morini, Albania

operating tent in a field beside

the frontier. The doctor asked him what had happened. "There were 20 people underground, hiding in the celiar. There were only women and children." Dren replied. "It was about 1am. They first hurnt a car on the road near the bouse and then they came inside, howling like

wolves. They were local Serbs. I threw myself down on the and were not wearing masks. They told us to come up to the house and when we did, they said: You are with the KLA.

and then they shot a cupboard. and started to burn it." His voice rose. "First, they shot a girl, she was about 13. with a machine-gun. I saw that, I saw everything. They shot them one by one, in the head and in the back. I was near the door, and when they shot at me

ground, as if I was dead."

Dren was shot in the arm as he lay on the floor. "When they moved away from the door I ran to another room. I waited there and when they left, I escaped."

The boy escaped to the house of his aunt. Nimeta Babalija. "We have been in the car for two days." she said, adding that the boy's father was in Kosovo, in the mountains, trying to walk to Albania.

After 10 years and 105 days, Lockerbie families see their first signs of justice

victims of the Lockerbie bomb- in Zeist, the Netherlands ing took a dramatic step when two Libyans suspected of the murders arrived in the Nether-

lands to stand trial. Ten years and 105 days after the atrocity Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and al-Amin Khalifa third country. Last night they

and PAUL WAUGH

people on board Pan Am Flight 103 and on the ground.

UN sanctions on Libya, imposed seven years ago after tential pay-out could be £500m. Muammar Gaddafi's refusal to them under Scottish law in a terwards. Kofi Annan, UN Secretary-General said sanctions were expected to be charged by on flights, oil equipment and

THE BATTLE for justice for the BY KATHERINE BUTLER also renounced terrorism, they jet carrying the pair touched Libyan contested the Scottish Tripoli. Mr Megrahi said: "The would be lifted for good.

Robin Cook, Foreign Secrewould still expect Libya to compensate victims' families if the men were found guilty. The po-

The men will be tried under Fhimah surrendered them give the men up for arrest, are terms of a UN-brokered deal selves as part of a deal to try expected to be lifted soon af- aimed at finding a venue to allay Libyan objections to a trial in Britain or the US.

Eight years after warrants a Scottish judge with the military equipment would be for the arrest of the suspects technically Scottish jurisdickillings in December 1988 of 270 suspended for 90 days. If Libya were issued, an Italian military tion could begin. Neither

down at Valkenburg diplomatic airport oear The Hague. tary, said the Government Scottish police officers were due to arrest and transfer them to Camp Zeist, a former US air base near Utrecht which has been converted into a prison

> On arrival, the men gave themselves up to Dutch police before the legal manoeuvre of being extradited to that part of the Netherlands which is now

and court.

extradition request. When it gets under way the case will be heard by three Scottish high court judges and no jury.

Hans Corell, the UN legal envoy who escorted the men from Tripoli and handed them to the Dutch, singled out for special thanks Jim Swire. whose daughter Flora died in the attack, and who led the British campaign for a trial.

Earlier, Lihvan television showed the handover of the men to the UN legal team at

days will prove that what we are saying is true." Mr Fhimah tlashed a victory sign and told diplomats: "We hope to see you upon our return."

Tony Blair said the day's events had shown the ability of the international community to enforce "civilised laws". Mr Cook said the hearing would not be a "political show-trial". He hailed the South African President, Nelson Mandela, for his role in brokering the deal.

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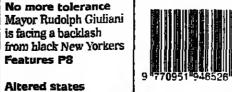
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Vojislav Seselj, Serbian deputy premier

Nations try to agree airlift plan

THE REFUGEES

By MARY BRAID

to up to 100,000 ethnic Albanian refugees met in Geneva yesterday to plan the higgest organised resettlement in third countries the world has seen. Lyndall Sachs, spokesperson

for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said the ambassadors of the recipient nations were resorting to temporary resettlement in the absence of an alternative. The operation will begin in the next few days with the busing of refugees to Turkey. Airlifts to more distant countries will

Adding to the political concern that sheltering the Kosovars far from their homelend might undermine resolve to force the Serbs to let them return, Ms Sachs said that from a human point of view temporary resettlement in a third country was also considered the "least attractive" of options.

"But we are caught between a rock and a hard place," she said, "Macedonia wants some out before it will allow any more in. And at the moment we have a 25km queue of people in

COUNTRIES OFFERING homes stances, vulnerable to disease refugee plan. The first is to feed and attack. There is a potential timebomb ticking out there. "If you talk to refugees, of course most would want to stay around the area. Almost to a person, refugees only want to return home. Germany yesterday offered the highest number of tempo-

rary homes - 40,000, with the United States offering 20,000, Turkey 20,000, and Norway, Italy, Canada and Greece 5,000 each. Britain, which shares the reluctance of several European states to the thirdcountry resettlement plan, is offering temporary sanctuary to

Tony Blair had earlier insisted that resettlement away from Kosovo would amount to a "policy of despair" but has anparently capitulated to US pressure for refugees to be moved out of Macedonia, where the sealing of the border by the Macedonian government has created a long hack-up of refugees on the Kosovo side of

Yesterday Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, proposed first. After Turkey, a trans Britain's own three-stage Romania will take place.

and house them in their own region, the second is the interim removal of a minority and the third is their return to Kosovo, Mr Cook told Slobodan Milosevic, the Yugoslav President, that he need not bother making any peace offer until he has agreed to the third. "We will not allow him to condemn the people of Kosovo to a life in exile," Mr Cook said.

Ms Sachs concentrated yesterday on the sense of dislocation involved in resettlement in countries far from home. "The best option for refugees is to go back home," Ms Sachs said. "The second is for them to be integrated into the country in which they are given asylum." Temporary resettlement trails in last.

The ambassadors of the receiving countries agreed last night that the resettlement scheme would first and foremost be voluntary and aim to keep families intact.

The most vulnerable will be taken out first. The nearest countries would take refugees first. After Turkey, a transfer to



An ethnic Albanian boy asking British soldiers for food at a refugee camp near Skopje

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other are, in sor the eding 1,000

Over 30 refugees died at the Brace border crossing in Macedonia early yesterday morning. Mostly bahies, infants. the old and frail, another seven died by sunrise 300 body hags were delivered to the Brace refugee holding area

The Pentagon is sending 24 Apache helicopters and 2,000 support troops to Albania Various nations offered to take refugees on a temporary basis: Germany 40,000, the United States

20,000, Turkey 20,000. Norway 5,000, Canada 5,000 and Greece 5.000 Yugoslavia called for an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council to stop Nato air strikes

Former Israeli prime minister Shimon Peres said he had been asked to help mediate an end to the crisis Six RAF Tornado GR1

bombers flew their first sorties from RAF Bruggen in Germany on Sunday night Nato yesterday said 44,000 Albanians had

been expelled from Kosovo since Sunday. The total in the past two weeks is 360,000 British Army soldiers from the 28th Battalion, the Engineers Regiment. put up tents for 2,000 Kosovar refugees in

Macedonia and distributed 25,000 meals The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus has offered to settle the ghost town of Varosha with refugees

In exile, Pristina's officially dead have come alive

I expected to find the Macedonia I have always known, the Macedonia I saw on my last visit a few weeks ago. But in-stead I saw Pristina. Literally, throughout Macedonia, Tetovo, Gostivar, Kicevo and especially Skopje, the capital of Kosovo, the people of Kosovo are now in Macedonia.

Everywhere I went I saw friends from home, some I hadn't seen in a week, some I hadn't seen in a long time. The streets belong to another town, hut the feeling was that you were walking in the middle of tality it burts. Most of all it is a

derful, and it seemed, despite the horrific situation of those trapped on the border, that people were even having fun. The cafes were full, with everyone you knew. I saw many of my friends.

- that is, the Albanians in Macedonia - are so welcoming. The Macedonians talk about "changing the demographics" of the country, and are in a bad mood: you can feel the tension. But the Albanians - they offer the Kosovars so much hospi-

WHEN I arrived from Kosovo, Pristina. At first, It looked won- time when we can be sure who is alive. We don't speak about the dead yet, because nothing can be confirmed. But least we know who is alive, because we have seen each other.

For me, the best was seeing many of my journalist colleagues, whom I hadn't seen for at least a week. And of these, the most important was BatoN Haxbiu, the Koha Ditore editor whom everyone thought was dead. I first saw him in the huge queue at the border. I recognised his car and his registration plate, seven kilometres back within Yugoslav territory.

KOSOVO IN EXILE BY GJERAQINA TUHINA in Skopie

The writer has been reporting anonymously from Kosovo. Now out of the country she can be identified But I never thought it would be was clear: you didn't see me. The next day, when we finally

him. Of course, he was still officially dead, so obviously he was terrified, and wanted to hide. There were a lot of rumours about Serbian agents and no one felt safe until they got through the horder. When I finally recognised him I went crazy. I wanted to jump and kiss him. But the look from his eyes

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met again, we just cried and cried. He just smiled. But just below this sense of carnival, people cry in Pristina We are still in shock. We are too proud to admit that we are refugees. People are using new expressions, like "deportees". Anything to avoid admitting

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In many of the cafes, people are seriously talking about how they will be back in their homes within two weeks. They believe that Nato will continue and win the war, and they will

what has really happened.

then be able to go back. They are even impatient. But really all they have is this hope - for me, I'm afraid, a too hopeful hope, a dream. They want these two weeks to be something temporary, itself a dream. They want to pretend that it didn't happen and that it can all be reversed. Even though we have no or-

though many are dead. Even though we arehere in Macedonia. To remember, it's enough just to spend half an hour back at the border. To see the huge numbers of refugees trapped there and waiting in the cold, you feel sick. And when you actually sit with people at the cases and talk to them, the stories are all the same: the policemen, the ex-

pulsions, the trains. Others have even tried to call home. I spoke to seven or houses. Again, always the

ganisation anymore. Even same. Someone answers speaking Serbian. They ask, "is this the house of family soand-so." The reply is clear: "I don't know whose it was before, but it's mine now."

So despite the atmosphere in the streets, something is wrong. Something doesn't fit We know what it is. But we don't want to think about it.

Gjeraqina Tuhina is a journalist for the Institute for War & Peace Reporting. IWPR's Balkan Crisis Reports are nvailable at: www.iwpr.net. eight friends who rang up their The can also be read at

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Wednesday will see showers in the north and east but these will die away in the afternoon. It will cloud over in Northern Ireland with rain later on. The rain will slowly spread through the rest of the country during Thursday.

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> OR SHINE... SURPRISE snow storm claimed the lives of eight suspected immigrants who died of hypothermia as they tried to cross the US-Mexico border.

> Officials from the US Border Control and other agencies rescued more than 50 immigrants in and around the Cleveland National Forest, about 40 miles east of San Diego. But the bodies of eight men, aged between 20 and 32. were found dressed in light clothes and trainers.



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Mother Clare, in red, sorts out the feeding of 1,000

THE ONCE green valley is nov just a vast black pit of writhing. desperate humanity.

A handful are babies who were born here in the past four days. Thousands are ba-bies who were carried by nursing mothers. Thousands more are men and women in their eighties and nineties. As each pitiless dawn breaks we see things that are worse than the day before. These people just keep coming down the road and turning the valley floor black. And then they just look up, mute and pleading, and wait in crowds so dense that even the unconscious cannot fall.

The mud is now over a foot deep and the stench of garbage and human waste is growing by the hour. The Macedonian troops who ring the densely packed thousands began wearing gas masks yesterday.

The mortality rate is rising. Over 30 went in the night. mostly babies, infants and the old and frail. Another seven died in the bright sunshine and heat of the morning. And the first. lorry load of body bags was delivered around noon.

The valley of the River Lepenec, which forms the border etween Kosovo and Macedoria, may become infamous as a place where we falled the very people we had come to save. Imagine 115,000 people trapped in a broad valley, probably two miles wide, for nearly four days. Then imagine it as a kind of gi-struck, at about 11.45am, some-



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gantic queue. At the head of the queue, where crush barriers have formed a finnel, there are six thousand people standing on a 45-degree slope waiting for six hours to make the last, 30-foot climb up an embankment. Finally, imagine three hostile, bored officials demanding that each person must spend 15 minutes giving their name, place of birth, intended destination and family details.

All this produces the mathematics of the asylum and the four-day Kafkaesque pantomime was deliberate. The Macedonians wanted a major part of this endless river of the dispossessed to disappear from their land as quickly as possible - and the US, Germany and Britain almost fell over themselves to take more than 100,000 people. Other nations agreed to take thousands more.

It seemed to work. And, within hours of the deal being



Clare Short pictured with some Kosovo refugees in Macedonia yesterday. 'They are here and they will be taken care of,' she said thing magical started to hap-

pen. Nearly 100 modern state huses, each one capable of taking about 90 people, hegan to roll up at the border.

Clare Short, in a vivid red tunic and smart patent leather loafers, arrived at about the same time and did her five minutes looking over the multitude and announcing that Tony had sent her to unblock the drain. Then she was off up to one of the big tented cities, created in less than 24 hours by the military about five miles up from the valley, trailing an army

The Secretary of State for International Development went for tea and buns with the brass and an bour later 10 busloads of ethnic Albanians arrived at the wrong side of the reception camp and nearly a mile from all the hot food and water that was being prepared for them by the British Army. These people, about seven

hundred of them, were in a bad way. They had been kept overnight in the buses until the camp was ready. They had already been thrown off the buses and ordered to get hack

on again. Many were fainting

inside as the vehicles became ovens in the rising heat. Clare spotted them and began to almost run. "Let's get them off the huses," she yelled, "Now. Let's get them out." Back and forth she ran and all around her the army hrass, and the hewildered squaddies groaned. They knew of British media in her wake. that a snafu, hig time, was about to go down, throwing

> But Clare was up and into the buses, followed by a mass began the laying on of hands. giving her best profile to the cameras. As far as they were concerned she could have been the old lady in the shoe, but all they knew is that she and her of TV prime-time.

their hard work into chaos.

photo opportunity were keeping them on this stifling bus.

She did this on a second hus, her officials making sure nobody got off before she arrived for more snaps. And then she gave her message to the world. They are here, and they will be taken care of," she said.

It was almost biblical in its drama. Mother Clare had come to save them, and she was already doing it. The drain was being unblocked. When some of the hacks pointed out that all the hot food and water was half a mile away, she accused the offenders of "causing trouble, of making arguments".

Finally she had had enough of it, and almost ran across the fields, refusing to answer any of photographers, and she more questions. She had been bere for nearly two bours, and the problem was already being solved. It was a truly breathtaking performance and her minders could smell 10 minutes

Meanwhile the refugees wandered through their tent city, which contained neither food nor water. But the British Army was already cranking up the goods. Three trucks appeared with several tons of hot chicken, chocolate hiscuits, milk, juice and water. The

refugees fell on it like locusts and the three trucks became 10. Whatever you thought of Ms Short's grandstanding, she had achieved something important by total accident. Seven bundred exhausted and famished people were getting fed and sheltered. A whole chain of induction, inspection, feeding and housing, laid on a mile away. had been bypassed. Within minutes of her departure an ITN reporter was telling the world she

tragic disaster unfolding in the valley, I felt I had watched an opportunistic confidence trick. Back down in the valley I re-

was a bero. But after four days

of watching this complex and

alised something else. Nothing was really changing. Once again the mad mathematics provided the hitter truth. As each bus pulled up above

the awful funnel of men. women, babies and geriatrics, it took nearly 30 minutes to haul them the last 30 feet through the mud, and another 15 minutes to load each bus. There were nearly forty buses in the queue, capable of taking perbaps 4,500 in about 36 hours.

Already, according to Macedonia there were over 115,000 in the valley floor on both sides of the border and perhaps tens of thousands more blocked on the Pristina road. Yesterday the sun came out

strongly. It certainly kept many alive. But with the beat came the threat of something else. something far more dangerous than anything they have faced on the long march out of Kosovo. Millions of flies were hatching, feeding oo a valley full to the world?

of rotting garbage and other kinds of nameless waste. There may be 30,000 infants and old people still on the valley floor. all weak, dehydrated and exhausted. That could mean disease on a large scale.

Already every aid worker was wearing a white face mask. The soldiers had sweated behind their gas masks all day. All over the great heaving mass there was the spectre of unconscious people, men and women of all ages, being pulled out from the centre, passed overhead from hand to hand, suffering from illnesses that could be the first stages of epidemics. The next few days will become a race against time.

How many bus loads will it take to clear this buman mess before the refugees begin to die in really big numbers - all before the eyes of 50 television cameras that are peering down into the pit and beaming it live

UK aid agencies launch TV appeal

(DEC) will step up efforts refugees fleeing the horrors of and banks will handle all do-Serb attacks in Kosovo by be- nations without charge. More ginning a joint television appeal for urgent donations.

The Independent launched the DEC appeal with its readers last week and today's television appeal marks the next stage in the fund-raising effort to help to avert the biggest humanitarian disaster in Europe since the Second World War.

Twelve charities - including Oxfam and the British Red Cross - have joined forces under the banner of the DEC to call for contributions from the public.

Tonight in separate fiveminute broadcasts, the tele-

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was confident that the appeal would be successful. "So far Oxfam alone has raised over £100,000 for the Kosovan refugees which will be pooled with the committee. We are sure that the public's marvellous response will continue following this appeal."

'We are only trying to help'

RED-EYED and exhausted, Private James Smith was sitting on the yellowing grass for a brief smoke break. Behind him snaked a ragged queue of refugees waiting for food. parcels being handed out by his

For the past couple of hours his feet passing over boxes of 24 hours, 6,000 calories of it. Bein hastily erected 10-man tents. Before that - during the night - he had been helping put up those tents.

He had had no more than two hours' sleep in the past two days and it showed. "Things seem to be working a bit better now," said Private Smith, from 2nd Battalion, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. "At first people were apprehensive, very wary of us. Now they realise we are only trying to help."

AID EFFORT

BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE at Brazde Refugee Camp

days on the edge of the Mace- spent being processed. They donian capital, Skopje, there are hundreds of British troops and Private Smith, 23, had been on their Nato comrades at the forefront of the humanitarian ef-

army rations containing food for fort to help Kosovo's refugees. Private Smith's friend, L/Cpl fore that he delivered boxes to Robin Ball, looked equally those too tired to queue, lying drawn. "I have been involved before with refugees but never anything on this scale," he said. "Nothing can prepare you for having to deal with this.

"It's amazing that these people are still so proud - I was handing out pieces of chicken earlier and they were so careful not to get any on their clothes. I suppose they were wearing all they had."

About 5,000 refugees have arrived at Brazde and the nearby camp at Stankovic in two

At the camp at Brazde, the days, bused in from the border tented city that has grown in a few miles away after days are desperate and terrified. Many are seriously unwell.

"Some have walked 50 miles in their socks so you can imagine what state their feet are in," said Captain Matt Humphries, who is running the field hospital. "Many are terribly dehydrated so we have saline drips for them. The more serious cases are taken by ambulance into town."

His medical team can do little about the mental state of the refugees. As Capt Humphries spoke, other medics were trying to help a man lying on the ground nearby, crying hysterically as be clutched a handful

of documents tight to his chest. But everyone had stories of terror - of being forced from tions do you think I have?

their homes, of walking to the border then encountering the heavy-handed Macedonian security forces.

"They treat us like dogs," said Mihrie Pantinor, a grandmother from a village near Pristina, sitting outside ber wind-whipped nylon tent. "They are as bad as the Yugoslavs. Why do they do it to us?" Asked about her son and husband, Mrs Pantinor erupted in tears. "I have not seen them for weeks," she managed to say. "I don't know if they are alive or dead."

from Pristina, had also been forced from his home by the militia "It was like a dream, what I have seen," he said. "Burning - houses and villages burning, and many, many, many children all crying." The refugees are glad to be safe but know their future is uncertain. "Where would I like to go?" retorted Mr Prizron. "What op-

Muran Prizron, 23, a student

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Instead, there has been a

more halting extension that

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decided to approve the use of

Apache ground-attack heli-

copters backed by a missile sys-

tem that would fire at

anti-aircraft defences. That de-

cision was approved by Nato

ministers last night. Nato is al-

ready using missiles fired from

aircraft based in Nato nations

and from surface ships and

launchers based in Albania.

directly in the conflict, even

though the principal aim had

beeo to preveot any conflict

from spreading beyond the bor-

Congress, still a tough task.

BY ANDREW MARSHALL in Washington

AMERICA HAS taken the first ders of Yugoslavia. And it steps down a path that could means that - to defend the lead to a ground war in the missile launchers and heli-Balkans. Though it will not copters - US troops and arcountenance putting US solmoured vehicles will also be sent to Albania. Troops are diers into Kosovo to fight Yualso being sent to Albania to goslav troops, it has shifted belp with the refugee relief effrom a total reliance on air power to wio the conflict. fort, and there is already a For the past two weeks Nato small force in Macedonia, has relied on aircraft and misalongside the outative Nato

peace-keeping force. siles alone to achieve its war aims. Drawing on a US military This could be transformed into a situatioo where, de facto, preference for air power, it minimises allied casualties and a ground war was being carried out, even without an invasion of means Nato can stand at a dis-Yugoslavia, Existing weapons tance from the conflict. But could be used in different ways, the strategy bas had grave for instance. The Army Tactical weaknesses: the weather has meant aircraft have been un-Missile System (Atacms) being able to reach targets, the flow seot can fire deep into Yuof refugees has moved the goalgoslav territory. It is for use posts and criticism has mountagainst anti-aircraft fire, launching missiles that scatter So far the option of sending bomblets across a wide area in allied forces to defeat Yuand kill troops. But it can also goslavia militarily has oot been be used to strike at tanks and

other armoured vehicles. If America decides that it cannot hit Yugoslav troops using the A-10 tankbuster beploy and would cause serious political problems. Any force cause of weather or coocerns about using low-level aircraft, the Atacms could be used for

> The A-10s, helicopters and other Nato aircraft would also be more effective with forward air cootrollers, troops on the ground to direct fire. There have been unconfirmed reports that Nato special forces have already been working within Yugoslavia, identifying targets and acting as a "trip wire" in the event that Yugoslav forces approach the borders.

The Kosovo Liheratioo submarines offshore. The new Army is still providing the only missiles would be fired from armed opposition to the Yugoslav forces within Kosovo, and there has been some dis-This shifts the argument in cussioo in Washingtoo of how three ways. It introduces a weapons system that is on land, to help it. So far there has been no effort to reinforce the KLA. and means air power alone clearly is oot sufficient. It inhut Nato could drop weapons volves oeighbouring countries and supplies. It could also consider using teams of military advisors infiltrated by land, a riskier option.

There are several possible



People in Belgrade's Zemun district at the beadquarters building of the Yugoslav air force, damaged in raids by allied forces

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ways to extend the action into a war oo the ground short of an invasioo. The first is if the Yugoslav forces respond to the placing of US forces in Albania by hitting back. This seems unlikely, given that Yugoslavia's air force is effectively grounded or destroyed. Also, it has shown oo intention to launch

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own army is probably unlikely to strike back across the border.

MULTIPLE-LAUNCH ROCKET SYSTEM

18 systems to be deployed in Albania against Serb troops in Kosovo as "de-

But Nato itself, which until now has said it would send in ground forces only if there was a fully fledged peace agreement, could shift its arguments. If and wheo the Kosovo Albanian population has been removed, it could try to establish missiles back at Albania, and its a limited enclave within the

province to which the refugees could return. The UN established "safe havens" in northern Iraq using only air power, hut Nato would probably need ground forces in this case. This strategy has been raised but not

endorsed at a political level. The third and longest shot is that the alliance could try to "force the door" to return the

refugees. This might not involve an extensive land war against Yugoslav forces, but an armoured and reinforced effort to

take people back home. So far, Nato bas tried to use a military policy of escalation tied to a political strategy of persuading Slobodan Milosevic to back down, and neither bas functioned very well. In effect. Belgrade has gained the initiative. But seizing back the advantage would require putting the lives of allied soldiers in much greater danger, causing a much more serious breakdown of relations with Russia and exposing Western governmeots to serious domestic criticism. Nobody yet seems willing

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Sunday 4 April 10pm: US says it plans to send Apache ground attack helicopters and about 2,000 support troops to Albania to join Vato air strikes.

10.30pm: Nato aircraft and missiles demolish an army headquarters and hit oll refineries and other targets in and around Belgrade. Reports say Slatina airfield southeast of Pristina has been hit.

Monday 5 April 12.20am: Nato missiles strike at Belgrade's main airport and targets in

1am: Tony Blair says in an article 'The Sun': There is no question of Nato ground forces being sent in unless it is to police an agreed political settlement.

11.50am: Robin Cook says there will be no peace in Kosovo until ethnic cleansing is reversed. Noon: Five French planes carrying humanitarian aid for ethnic Albanian refugees leave for Macedonia and Albania. They are the first of a fleet of 15 expected to carry clothing, food, tents and medical supplies. 1 pm: Serbian state television (RTS) shows footage of a meeting in Pristina between

moderate Kosovo Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova and the Russian ambassador to Belgrade. RTS does not specify when the meeting took place. 2pm: Nato says 31 relief flights are to go to Albania and Macedonia to help the 360,000 ethnic Albanians who have been driven from Kosovo over the past two weeks. 2.30pm: Russia says it will send clothes, food and medicine worth more than \$1 m (£600,000) to Yugoslavia to help people of all ethnic groups. 3pm: The UN World Food Programme says three US aircraft with food for refugees will leave Italy for Albanía and the flights will increase to 10 a day

later this week. 5.30pm: Reports emerge that refugees fleeing to Montenegro from Mitrovica, Kosovo's third biggest city, have been forced into Serbia after Nato bombers destroyed a road bridge at

Montenegro's eastern border. 6pm: The Albanian government announces it is refusing to allow ethnic Albanian refugees to be evacuated to other countries as this would make Albania part of the ethnic-cleansing mechanism.

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Nato reports hits on air force HQ and army base

Air War

NATO MISSILES struck Yugoslavia's air force headquarters and a key army installation yesterday in the south of the country used for launching mil-

itary operations in Kosovo. As Operation Allied Force entered its 13th day with roundthe-clock raids, commanders promised the scale and pace of the assault would be stepped up with improving weather. Air Commodore David Wilby.

the Nato military spokesman. said alliance forces bad "escalated its air campaign aimed at strategically degrading the Yugoslav military capability". He added that on Sunday,

"an improvement in the weath-

er enabled us to make full use

of all our assets". The attack-

ing forces had met considerable surface-to-air missile fire and some anti-aircraft fire, but all had returned safely.

Targets included petroleum production and storage facilities, airfields, air defences, ammunitioo storage dumps and bridges, said Air Cmdre Wilby. Around Belgrade, the allies bit the HQ of the Yugoslav air defence forces, an interior ministry police garrison, a radio relay and communication centre, an army garrison and a

SAM support facility. He added: "The weather has only just cleared to give us a lit-

tle more chance of hitting them hard and we are now getting our tactics right, making sure we have got all our forces in there. We have ramped up the number of sorties we are doing. and taking the fight to them

very hard. I think you will find very direct results coming very Some military sources asked yesterday why it had taken so long to get the "tactics right" when the equipment oow being deployed, including the US Apaches, had been available all along. "To go on about the weather just isn't good

enough," said one. "The RAF has been monitoring the weather in former eastern bloc countries for 15 years, so they must have known the conditions at this time of year,"

The Tornado GR1 bomber is designed to operate in total darkness and nil visibility against types of targets the Harriers and their laser-guided bombs have been unable to attack. Six RAF Tornados from Bruggen in Germany completed their first sorties on Sunday, striking difficult targets, including tunnels and bridges. and early intelligence reports suggest all were successful.

Harriers have made only two successful attacks in 12

China accepts high-risk role

CHINA'S PRIME Minister, Zhu Rongji, flies to the United States today, with Peking vebemently opposed to Nato actioo in Kosovo and criticising interference in Yugoslavia's internal affairs. In the run-up to his departure to California. Mr Zhu warned that military intervection set a "very bad precedeot. All internal matters should be left for a country itself to resolve," he said. "If we should refuse to recognise a country's sovereignty, I'm

afraid that would lead to a world war. The mouthpiece of China's with China's difficulties over Taiwan and Tibet and possible army, the Liberation Daily, future US involvement in any threw its weight behind China's

DIPLOMATIC VISIT

strongly pro-Serbian coverage of the crisis vesterday, "Nato will soon learn how hard it is to dismount when riding a bger,"

it said, "and may compound error upon error until it finally sends in troops." Media coverage has coocentrated on the suffering of the Serbs, blamed Nato for the refugee crisis, and ignored Serb "ethnic cleansing" of the Kosovars. The situation has parallels

conflict between Peking and Taiwan. China has never relinquished its right to use military force to secure reunification with Taiwan.

China considered cancelling Mr Zhu's trip in protest over Kosovo, but decided to go ahead giveo the already sour state of Sino-US relations. Even before, ties were mired in acrimony over alleged Chinese nuclear spying, a crackdown on mainland dissidents and the burgeoning trade deficit. Up until recent days, hopes had been pinned on a breakthrough in negotiations over China's entry into the World Trade Organisation, but last-minute talks failed to secure a deal.

"The US domestic political climate is so hostile right now to China that he is walking into a snakepit," said Professor David Shambaugh, a China specialist at George Washington University. He described Mr Zhu's visit as "high risk. He is going to be dogged by demonstrations across the country and depending on how he answers questions on sensitive issues such as Tibet. human rights, Taiwan, those demonstrations may grow.



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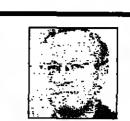
Catch 1999: 'If you bomb, Milosevic is stronger; if you stop, he will have won'

IF YOU want to talk to the free press in Belgrade, hold your breath. The cigarette smoke in Radomir Diklic's cluttered office is as thick as fog, great swirling hlue wreaths of it that have the ladies banging open the windows for air above Srpskih Vladara street. Mr Diklic smokes himself, of course, a small agitated man with a potbelly and uncombed hair who breathes through his cigarette until I am coughing over my notes. But there is a lot to cough about.

"We had our friends from the

Western embassies here," he says. "We had a lot of contacts and we warned them that the day the first bomb drops, they could count on the fact that everyone will be for the defence defend it – that's how we are educated. We told the diplomats ported this back to their governments. But they said their advice was overruled by their governments. And you people – Nato – did a good job for Slo-

Mr Diklic stops for breath; we all do as we sit round the heavily scratched round wood- State Madeleine] Albright gave en table in the "Beta" news a piece of paper to Thaqi sayagency office, virtually the only ing. The Americans will have press. A new cigarette flips after three years', and as for the cloud moves over his face. envoy Christopher] Hill said "Look at Milosevic's position America would consider the now. If there's no bombing of KLA had disarmed "if we can-



ROBERT FISK IN BELGRADE

good for me'. If there are no Nato ground troops, he says "That's good for me'. If there's only bombing with 'collateral' damage, well he says. That's quite good for me - and it will give me space to solve the problem of the KLA. That's it, of their country. When our do you see? You bomh and we country is attacked, we must can 'clean' out the south and push out the KLA."

Mr Diklic is a cynical man – this before the war and they re- he deserves to be - and believes the Americans are bad partners for Europe in solving European problems, especially in the Balkans. "They took the side of the KLA after the KLA was allost 23 Kosovo Serb deputies in bodan Milosevic. It was the most destroyed last year. They best present he could be given. created [KLA chief Hashem] For ordinary people, Milosevic Thaqi. They recreated the KLA is now a god; when you and pushed aside [Kosovo pobombed, he became a symbol litical leader Ibrahim] Rugova. litical leader Ibrahim] Rugova. of our country - which is awful." And when the Americans went

to Rambouillet, there was cheating. [US Secretary of

ment the first bombs dropped and the KLA attacked the Serbs under the bombs, they were a Fifth Column - and there is no mercy for fifth columnists."

The Diklic view of Kosovo is comparatively simple. President Milosevic did a favour to Rugova by almost destroying the KLA and now he is putting Rugova back in the saddle. "Milosevic needs Rugova - because Rugova signed the Rambouillet agreement and Rugova is now making appeals for peace. Officially, for the Albanians, Rugova is still 'president' of Kosovo, And he met Milosevic last week - that film of his meeting was real. He signed a document. Nato is not telling the truth about this being old film. Back in October, Rugova sat on the right of Milosevic. This time, he was sitting on the left. Rugova was here."

Diklic does not regard Rugova as a corrupt man - more a tool. Had Rugova not vetoed Albanian participation in elections. Milosevic would have parliament, "If the Albanians had voted, they would have got Milosevic out - with 1,200,000 Albanian votes, they would have been able to create the opposition."

Serbian Renewal Party (SPO) opposition revolt two years ago, save Serbia'." into the Diklic mouth, a new disarmament of the KLA, [US is condemned through the cigarette smoke as both vain and



government of Serbia, with an A Belgrade man waving the Yugoslav flag yesterday during the seventh day of protests against Nato air strikes

Koca Suleimanovic/EPA

Betrayal is a word that often his potential enemies inside years for attacks. They know can sleep for a month in the government lawyers to turn And with the bombing, there crops up in Diklic's thoughts. the opposition by keeping the how to defend every single woods - we are not a very by- up at their smoke-shrouded of-Vuk Draskovic, the leader of the SPO and the Radicals in a per- stone in this country and we manent fight while Vuk en- learnt the lessons of the Iraqis bit left of Yugoslavia's free nothing against a referendum and one of the heroes of the tered a coalition government to

winning its war. "The Yugoslav empty. The Americans cannot rious grounds that its trans- kind of little Korea, although prepared to deal with Milosevic army are quite professional - imagine soldiers who do not go mitters were stronger than we'll never starve. There will be in return for the post of vice- remember that our country hack to their barracks to wash agreed under licence - the staff civilian targets, he says 'That's not see your arms' ... The mo-president, "Milosevic destroyed under Tito was prepared for 50 and eat each night, Our soldiers of "Beta" news are waiting for there is a democratic Serbia.

 we kept our radars switched off. These huildings and bar- 92 radio station was closed will be completely destroyed No, Diklic says, Nato is not racks that Nato bombs are all down hy Milosevic - on the spuard Yugoslavia will become a

gienic country."

Diklic grins. But he has little to smile about. Since the B-

fices, Diklic wants an end to the bombing. "If this goes on, all the small roots of democracy here

can be no democracy."

But if it ends? "If it finishes quickly, Milosevie will have to agree on something over Kosovo. And when the war stops, all of us who think differently to Milosevic, we will start to fight again. One day, someone will have to explain how and why all this happened...'

Writer leads anti-Serbian protest through Paris

ans resident in Paris and nians in Kosovo. French sympathisers through

ALBANIA'S MOST famous banian, French and American writer, Ismael Kadare, led a flags to protest about Serb demonstration of 1,200 Albani- atrocities against ethnic Alba-

the heart of the old intellectu- shame of Europe and the banners equated Serbia with banians and sympathisers als' quarter of St Germain des shame of the world," Kadare Nazi Germany and called on the showed support for Nato Pres to protest against Serbia. said. "What is urgently needed French President. Jacques strikes. In New York, several "Serbia, murderers," they is to put an end to the mas-chanted, marching behind Al-sacres and the deportations in There was no violence in Paris, Serb ethnic cleaning in 1992 - Kosovo Albanians, shouting:

DEMONSTRATIONS BY MARCUS TANNER

"What is happening is the Kosovo." Their placards and or in other countries where Al-

held a rally to support Nato ac- "You criminal Serbs, the blood tollah Ali Khamenei, attacked and Nato forces and waved Bosnian and Kosovo flags.

In Cairo, several bundred Egyptian students demonstrated inside the grounds of abused Albanians.

But Iran, which strongly supported the Bosnian Muslims the university in support for distanced itself from the war. The supreme leader, Aya-

tions. The demonstrators of Muslims will not be shed in Nato yesterday for the air prayed for the safety of US vain." They waved banners and strikes, saying they had only exwooden cut-outs depicting acerbated the plight of the Albanians in Kosovo. "What is the result?" he

no peace in the Balkans unless

asked. "Is any Muslim feeling in their war with Serbla in 1992, any safer? Since the attacks hegan, Muslims have been dealt with more severely."



Kadare: Spoke of 'shame'

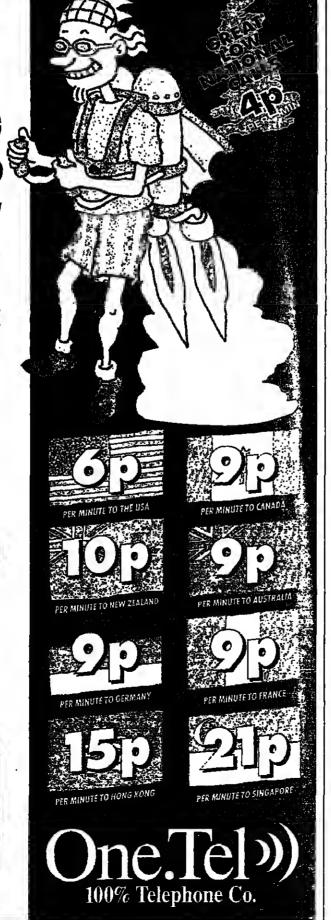
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Hospitals tricked to hire bad doctors



BY JEREMY LAURANCE Health Editor

HOSPITALS ARE ditching poorly performing doctors by giving them misleading references to help them to find other jobs rather than sacking them.

The General Medical Council (GMC) has made the practice a priority for investigation because of the risk to patients. But hospital managers say the system for disposing of bad doctors is so cumbersome they are forced to cut corners to protect their own interests.

In one case a consultant gynaecologist alleged to have carried out scores of hotched operations was paid off by a North Yorkshire hospital and giveo a reference that enabled him to get jobs in Leicester, the Isle of Wight and Londoo where further women were injured.

Richard Neale, who is now in private practice in Leeds, faces legal action for medical negligence and is the subject of a GMC investigation. The GMC is also investigating how the reference came to be written.

Tim Jones, of the NHS Coo-



Sheila Wright-Hogeland (left) and Carole Millward at The Friarage Hospital

federation, representing hospital managers, said the problem was not unique. "I know of institutions where doctors have been persuaded that they did not have a future. There are a number of options open to a

preferable to the full rigour of a GMC inquiry.

Managers fear that if they bring a case against an incompetent doctor it could take years, damage morale and carry heavy costs. In a case in manager which might seem South Wales a consultant path-

ologist, Bernard Charnley, accused of poor performance in reading cervical smears, has been suspended on full pay for more than five years. The total costs of the case - including his salary, that of a locum and legal bills - are estimated at more than £1m.

In the Neale case, the Friarage hospital in Northallerton where be worked from 1985-95, decided that rather than suspeod him, it would be cheaper to pay him off with £100,000 and give him a reference, which he used to get a job at the Leicester Royal Infirmary.

Several drafts of the refereoce were made to ensure it was legally watertight and it was signed by Dr Michael Saunders, medical director at the time. It expressed confidence in Mr Neale as a clinician but stated be had had difficulties working at Northallerton, which had led to his departure,

The hospital is unrepentant. Steve Spoerry, director of operations, said: "We feel what we did was largely defensible."

Mr Neale had a chequered history before he arrived at the Friarage. He had already, unknown to those who appointed him, been struck off in Canada after the death of a woman in childbirth in 1981.

Doubts about his performance surfaced in 1993 and the hospital conducted a survey of local GPs and other specialists, but at that time no concerns were raised about his clinical

In 1995, the hospital became contacted for comment.

pervise junior doctors, monitor patients and respond to calls when he was on duty Mr Spoerry said: "We felt we were dealing with someone who lacked judgement. We had looked into his clinical practice and had not seen cases coming back that caused us concern. But we felt something could happen?

worried about his failure to su-

The hospital started disciplinary proceedings but it was made clear by Mr Neale's lawyers that the process could take years. Mr Spoerry said: "Throughout that time he would be paid by us but be on gardening leave. While he was suspended it would be difficult to get a permanent replacement so we would face a shortage of consultants. So we offered him a pay-off.

"We decided a packag worth two years' pay [£100,006] was well worth doing. We thought we were getting good value for money and were protecting our service."

Mr Spoerry said writing the reference, which Mr Neale had insisted on, was the most difficult aspect. "It formed part of the legal agreement but it went through several drafts. It had to be something that Michael Saunders [then medical director] was willing to sign."

The reference expressed confidence in Mr Neale as a clinician but alluded to "difficulties", which had led to his departure from Northallerton. "It expressed confidence in him but sounded a clear warning note," Mr Spoerry said.

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The warning was not picked up by Leicester Royal Infirmary, which took him on as a locum. However, his contract was terminated after an altercation with a porter. Wheo Leicester discovered his background, it complained in the strongest terms to the Friarage that it had been misled.

Mr Neale, whose career was traced in a BBC Panorama programme last month, later worked at St Mary's hospital in the Isle of Wight, and at the private Portland bospital in London. Last summer an "alert" letter about him was circulated to the NHS by the Northern and Yorkshire regional chief executive, Professor Liam Donaldson, now the Government's chief medical officer.

Mr Neale has not worked in the NHS since. He could not be

Women hurt by conspiracy of silence

A SUPPORT GROUP of 100 By JEREMY LAURANCE women has been formed by Sbeila Wright-Hogeland and Carole Millward, former patieots of Richard Neale, who have started legal moves to coordinate claims.

Mrs Wright-Hogeland is suing Mr Neale after she had an emergency hysterectomy at Friarage bospital in Northallerton. She bad endometriosis, a conditioo that to have been injured in Leicesleads to thickening of the womb lining, and claims he failed to detect progress of the condition

despite regular check-ups. "He told me I was fit and well despite my increasing pain," she said. "After six years I was in agooy and bleeding. He [Neale] then said it was the

worst case he had seen. "After the operation the wound became badly infected. I didn't get the antibiotics I needed and for six weeks I changed the dressings daily

until I went to another hospital." She called the Friarage decision to give Mr Neale a good reference "outrageous". She said: "It meant he could swan off to Leicester, get a job and create havoc there. The women he injured are furious - not just with him but with the system."

Dozens more women claim ter, the Isle of Wight and London, where he later worked.

Dr Neale performed an episiotomy on Carole Millward, 41, cutting the vagina to allow her baby's bead to emerge. Five days later she needed emergeocy surgery for a perforated bowel and a temporary colosto-

my to repair the damage. "I feel thoroughly disgusted and let down by the authorities who, hy actions and inactions, allowed him to devastate so many women's lives," she said.

IN BRIEF

Boy, 2, drowns in Thames

A TWO-YEAR-OLD boy drowned yesterday after falling from a pleasure boat into the River Thames. Police were called to the river bank at Donnington Bridge in Oxford just before midday after the child disappeared from view. Despite a search, he was not found for an bour and it is believed he had become lodged under the boat.

Two accused of plot to kill girls

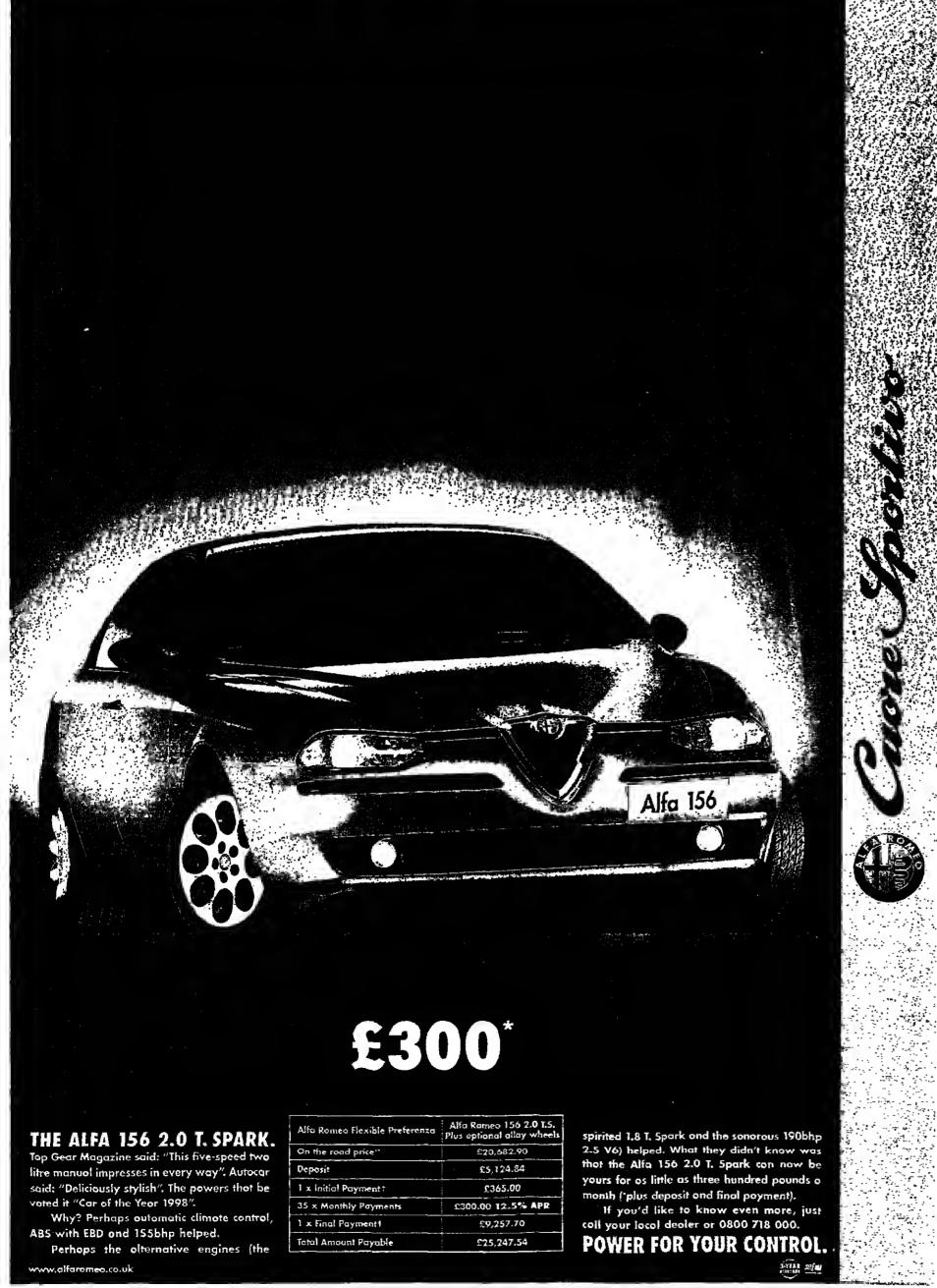
TWO MEN in their forties were remanded in custody at Wolverhampton yesterday, charged with plotting to kill girls aged between two and seven. Paul Elkington, 46, of no fixed abode, and Michael Williams, 49, of Bilston, will appear at a magistrates' court on 13 April.

Bruch piece is listeners' favourite

A CONCERTO by the German composer Max Bruch has, for the fourth year running, taken the top spot in a poll to find Britain's favourite piece of classical music. Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1 in G Minor came first in an annual ballot of listeners to the radio station Classic FM.

Gang mugs woman for £1.20

POLICE ARE hunting at least 10 youths who kicked and punched a 49-year-old woman in Coventry on Easter Day. One of the youths, who were armed with golf clubs, took her handbag, which contained £1.20.



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A visitor to Westonbirt Arboretum checks the scent of Britain's tallest magnolia, Sprengeri 'Diva', which is now at its best

Magnolia heads rampantly for record books

ONE OF Britain's most re- By MICHAEL MCCARTHY markable trees - a giant mag- Environment Correspondent oolia in full bloom - is growing goddess magnolia at Westonbirt Arboretum, the Forestry Commission's "tree zoo" at Tetbury in Gloucestershire, is at 80ft the tallest example of

the sub-species in this country. But so rapid is its growth it has shot up nine feet in the past three seasons - that within five years it is likely to be the biggest magnolia of any type in Britain. The distinction is held by two trees in Cornwall that touch 90ft and are more than twice its age.

The 40-year-old Tetbury magnolia (for gardening enthusiasts Magnolia sprengeri Diva) is a remarkable sight clad in goblet-shaped blossoms from top to toe. Magnolias, which have been bursting

at a record rate. The tree, a. ple bloom in suburbs across the land in recent weeks, are known for rapid growth. "Seen in the wild you realise they are forest trees." said Westonbirt's head forester, Tony Russells. "They are the oaks of the forests of the East."

> In many species the blossoms appear before the leaves. and stand out in a striking way in March, for many of them the peak flowering month. The Tetbury tree comes from the Himalayas and the species was first brought to Britain in 1901 by the plant collector Ernest Wilson, There are 80 species, from North and Central American as well as Asia.

> Westonbirt, founded in 1829, biggest arboretimsa, with

Royals seek deal to keep Scotland

THE ROYAL Family is dis- BY ANDREW GRICE cussing plans under which it Political Editor would surrender some of its powers in return for the monarby surviving in an independent Scotland.

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Contingency plans are being talked about with the Scottish National Party to try to ensure that the monarch would remain Queen or King in Scotland even if the Scottish people vote the Scottish Parliament. The to break away.

form through the United Kingdom, speeding the transition to a "Scandinavian-style monarchy". Royal sources say the Queen is "very worried" about the prospect of an advance by the SNP which today launches its Scottish General Election campaign in Edinburgh for Scotland's first legislature in 300

Even if the Nationalists fail to win a majority on 6 May, they look certain to form a sizeable Opposition and the Royals fear they will win power at a future election. The SNP's policy is to call a referendum on independence. If the Scottish people vote to go-it-alone, another referendum would be called on the future of the monarchy.

There is a strong republican presence amongst SNP activists. Ewan Dow, deputy leader of Perth and Kinross Council, has branded the Royals "Lizzy Windsor and the Spongers", while Roseanna Cunningham, the SNP MP for Perth, has said that describing the party as republican was a

matter of "political honesty". The Royals hope that, by giving up some of their constitupowers in an Charles L.

independent Scotland, they will head off the proposed referendum which could create a Scottish republic.

Under the accommodation, the Queen or King might retain some ceremonial functions but would lose the power to dissolve Royal prerogative, under which The move could hasten the the Government acts without e to Par be replaced by a written Scot-

tish constitution. Prince Charles is said to be sympathetic to the idea of a slimmed-down monarchy if Scotland becomes independent. At his request, he met Alex Salmond, the SNP leader, at Balmoral last October - the first formal contact between the party at the Royals.

Opinion polls suggest the Scottish people want to retain the Royal Family and SNP sources say Mr Salmond opposes the hard-line republicanism of many of his party's

But he would face accusa tions of a "sell-out" if he sought to ditch the promised referendum on the monarchy.

"Scotland had the same King as England for 100 years before the Act of Union in 1707," said a close ally of Mr Salmond. There is no reason why we there would have to be real reform of the monarchy."

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Human rights law hits delays

THE INCURPURATION of the BY PAUL WAUGH European Convention on Political Correspondent Human Rights into UK law is facing serious delays because istrates and court legal advisneither Whitehali nor the ers on the changes. courts are ready to cope with the change.

Rights Act became law last time and that without full train-November, it has emerged that ing courts could become "gridministers are warning that it locked" by cases brought by may not come into force before people claiming their rights 2001. The Act will give judges the power to declare that domestic legislation doesn't on the issue, Lord Williams of comply with the convention and can oblige the Government to amend the Act concerned. The public will also be able to seek judicial review of Whitehall departments, quangos and local authorities on a range of subjects.

been drawn up by the Home Of- of the Act, but "we cannot guarfice to train 35,000 judges, mag- antee that".

However, there are worries that neither the judiciary nor Even though the Human public bodies will be ready in have been infringed.

In a parliamentary answer Mostyn, a Home Office minister, said: "We have not yet reached a final view on when to bring the Human Rights Act into full effect. We will do so as soon as we can."

A senior Home Office official said that 2000 remained the tar-A £4.5m programme has get date for the incorporation

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A long and painful road to justice

THE BACKGROUND

NOW COMES the hard bit. The By Paul Lashman United Nations might have taken more than seven years to persuade the Libyan leader, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, to band over the two men accused of the Lockerbie bombing but convictions are still a long way off.

The spotlight will now turn on Britain and the United States to see whether their evidence against the two men will come up to scratch. Some observers think it will not.

There could be nothing more inglorious and embarrassing for the two governments than the presiding judges throwing the case out of court. This is unlikely but not impossible, because the evidence so far presented by the authorities is by no means compelling and Scottisb law is particular.

But the trial may not begin for some time. The two Libyans, Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, 47, and al-Amin Khalifa Fhimah, 43, will be held in custody in the former US Air Force base at Camp Zeist in the Netherlands.

By the terms of the unprecedented Anglo-Dutch agreement, until the end of the trial the base bas been designated Scottish territory so that Scottisb law can prevail,

The three Scottisb judges who will bear the case without a jury have not been appointed. The prosecution will be led by the Scottisb Lord Advocate, Lord Hardie.

The case centres on events of more than a decade ago. At 1902 bours on 21 December 1988, a New York-bound Boeing 747 designated Pan Am 103 exploded at 31,000ft and crasbed on the town of Lockerbie in the Scottisb borders, killing 270 people on board and on the

The passengers were mainly American and British, Many were students returning bome for Christmas.

Within days, forensic scientists said a bomb had caused the disaster, described as "the most appalling crime since the Second World War".

one claimed responsibility. A variety of theories quickly emerged: the Iranians did it as

airliners by the USS Vincennes in July 1988; Palestinian terrorists did it to eliminate a CIA team that had been preparing to rescue Western bostages in Beirut; the Libyans did it as revenge for President Ronald Reagan's bomb attack on Tripoli in 1986.

After a three-year investigation beaded by Chief Inspector Watson McAteer from the Dumfries and Galloway pobce, helped by an FBI team, the finger pointed towards Tripoli. Ch Insp McAteer's detectives had visited 23 countries, collected more than 3,500 pbotographs and taken more than 15,000 statements.

Forensic scientists believed the bomb was made of 10 to 14 ounces of Semtex explosive hidden in a Toshiba cassette recorder inside a brown Samsonite suitcase.

In November 1991 formal charges were laid. Although Colonel Gaddafi is said to be the eminence grise behind the bombing he bas not been charged. The charges are against two "small fry" Libyans who, unfortunately, look as though they could have born to grace an Interpol wanted poster. They are accused of being the agents who planted the bombs on behalf of Libyan intelligence services.

Both had been working as airline officials for Libyan Arab Airlines in Malta.

The prosecution will claim they smuggled a bomb in an unaccompanied suitcase into the international airport's luggage transfer system and they used baggage transfer tags on the suitcase to make sure it was transferred on to Pan Am 103

Key evidence against the two men centres on a small fragment of electronic circuit board found in the scattered baggage of the wreckage. It is said to be part of a timing device sold by a Swiss company, MEBO, to Libya in 1985.

Tags on the clothes within the bomb suitcase show they Who put the bomb there? No were of Maltese origin and sold in only one shop in Malta. The shop owner was shown a series of photographs of Arab men and revenge for the accidental is said to have picked out al-



The Libyan bombing suspect Abdel Basset al-Megrahi (third right in long black coat) arriving at Valkenburg Fred Ernst/Reuters airport in the Netherlands yesterday

clothes. But in the intervening many. The Maltese shopownseven years doubt has fallen oo key elements of the prosecution case. The Maltese authorities and airline do not accept that unidentified luggage left Malta. The circuit boards were also sold elsewhere, including to the terrorist-supporting Stasi, the malevolent intelligence

er's statements show he consistently said the man was older and taller than al-Megrahi

But in the prosecution's favour, more recent evidence, from a mysterious Libyan defector, seems to confirm Colonel Gaddafi's involvement.

victims are well aware of the court of law and found out who frailty of the prosecution case. The Reverend John Mosey.

wbo lost his 19-year-old daughter, Helga, said: "Whether the the beginning for there not being enough evidence for a bona fide case or whether they the evidence examined in a bility of criminal trial.

knew what and why this very preventable disaster was al-

lowed to bappen." Although the families weljudge throws it out of court at come the trial this is not the end of the line for them. The Rev Mosey said the main aim - to hold an independent inquiry are found guilty, we will have has been blocked by the possi-

TIMETABLE

21 December Bomb explodes on London to New York Pan Am 103 at 31,000ft. All 2S9 aboard and 11 on ground killed as wreckage crashes on Lockertie in Scotland 28 December US

government offers £250.000 to catch killers

31 January US government Identifies 100 flaws in airport security 1 April Lockerbie victims' committee called UK Families Flight 103 set up

10 May Pan Am reaches out-of-court settlement with Scottish relatives 1 October A 55-day Fatal

Accident Inquiry opens in Dumfries

16 October US Supreme Court rejects relatives' appeal for punitive damages against Pan Am

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for internadonal inquiry, offering to send dispute to neutral authority 1992

22 January **UN Security** Council 731 urges Colonei Gaddafi to comply with

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measures 1 October UN deadline expires for Libya to surrender suspects

2 October Britain, France and US stiffen sanctions 21 December Fifth anniversary of bombing is marked with ceremony in



Washington, services in Westminster Abbey and in Lockerbie churches

17 February Britain rejects Libyan offer of trial in Muslim court anywhere

23 March FBI offers £2.7m for information aiding arrest of suspects **November** Families secure out-of-court settlements from Pan Am Insurers

1996 April Suspects willing to be tried under Scottish law in neutral location, says their Libyan lawyer

July German police probe claims by former Iranian spy that late Ayatollah Khomeini ordered bombing in revenge for downing of Iran Air plane 10 July UN sanctions

crumbling, many countries said to be allowing flights to Libya October Victim's father

Jim Swire meets the South African President, Nelson Mandela 25 October Mr Mandela

urges compromise at Commonwealth conference in Edinburgh, asking Britain and US to accept trial in neutral state

28 October Tony Blair says men should stand trial in Scotland

20 April Jim Swire (right) travels to Libva with a law expert, Professor Black, to broker terms of trial

24 August Britain and US say trial can be held in neutral country. Colonel Gaddafi agrees in principle

19 March Mr Mandela persuades Colonel Gaddafi to handover by 6 April 5 April Suspects handed

over in Tripoli and arrive in

the Netherlands

Former air base fortified for a marathon hearing

BY KATHERINE BUTLER in Camp Zeist. the Netherlands

ARABIC SYMBOLS indicating lands. Under the deal with Mecca for prayers have been painted on the walls of the two cells in the Netherlands where Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and al-Amin Khalifa Fhimah will spend months, possibly

After a decade of political and diplomatic wrangling the more than 100 Scottish police two Libyans accused of planting the suitcase bomb that exploded over Lockerbie. killing 270 people, are being brought to justice under Scottish law.

The extent of practical preparations for the unprecedented trial - under Scottish jurisdiction but on foreign territory - are an indication of how long those involved believe the process could take. Some estimates suggest two years.

Months have gone into preparing Camp Zeist, a former US air base six miles from Utrecht in the central NetherSECURITY

which way to turn to face Libya the suspects will be incarcerated for the duration of the trial in a bomb-proof cell complex beneath the former hase's hospital. Accommodation is spartan but adequate, Scottish Office sources said.

Defence and prosecution teams, dozens of witnesses, and prison officers, victims' families and the press will also occupy the converted buildings once the trial starts.

Behind 10ft perimeter fences and amid unprecedented security the Libyans will be Iried by three Scottish High Court judges but no jury. It was considered impossible to find a 15person jury not prejudiced by reporting of the bombing and the West's perception of the Gaddafi regime. The logistics of keeping a Scottish jury in the Netherlands for the duration of

Through the bars of the gates at the camp entrance. Scottish policemen involved in in three and a half months of the the Lockerbie investigation could be seen jogging. The Royal Dutch Air Force

Museum. Camp Zeist's only occupant since 1991, was closed to visitors over the weekend but reopened vesterday. The trial arrangements and

conditions are unusual: the men will be tried as if this were Scotland. Dutch involvement once the men have been handed over will be limited to patrolling outside the camp.

Attention is being paid to the the suspects, in accordance with the deal. Dutch contract caterers have been hired to provide meals prepared to halal requirements.

Away from the cells. Dutch builders are working to make a doned schoolroom formerly and Zeisl can do it."

used by US Air Force children. After the initial arraignment the courtroom will not be required for months. Under Scottisb law the trial has to take place withsuspects being charged and remanded but this can and

probably will be extended. Forty-eight hand-picked Scottish prison officers will guard the men, each working in shifts, spending a fortnight of each month in the Netherlands. Sleeping areas and kitchens have been set up and the base's large gym has been turned into a media centre.

In the nearby town of Soesterberg (population 6,000) there seemed little apprehenreligious and dietary needs of sion about the media and security influx. Some residents gathered at the gates in anticipation of the arrival of the suspects. Zeist's mayor, Rudolph Boekhoven, said be was not proud to be hosting the trial but added: "A trial like this court house from an aban- has to take place somewhere

The men who stand accused

BY PAUL LASHMAR

THE LIBYANS Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and al-Amin Khalifa Fhimah have lived with the allegation of being mass murderers since being formally accused of the Lockerbie bombing by both the US and Britain on 14 November 1991. Both are accused of conspiring to destroy, and destroying, a US civil aircraft, and related offences. Both men deny the

Fhimah is described as a former airline station manager for the Libyan Arab Airlines, but the Scottish police allege that It is a cover for his real occupation as a Libyan intelligence officer.

Born on 4 April 1956, in Suk Giuma, Libya, he is short and stocky with black hair and a THE SUSPECTS



Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and al-Amin Khalifa Fhimah

have used several aliases. In November 1991, Fhimah

three Libyan passports, and to are alleged to have run a told Radio Monle Carln that he activities - and planting the had worked for Libyan Arab

English and is said to have Airlines in Malta. The suspects

phoney business on the island as a cover for their intelligence

Fhimah insists he is a peaceloving, married man with five children, and is "neither an intelligence man nor a politician".

Al-Megrahi is said to be a former chief of airline security for Libyan Arab Airlines. But the Scottish police will allege that this is a cover, and that Al-Megrahi is a Libyan intelligence officer.

Born in the Libyan capital, Tripoli. on 1 April 1952, al-Megrahi speaks Englisbwhich he learnt in the US where he studied in the 1970s. He is married and is said to possess at least four Libyan passports and to have used up to nine aliases.

In an interview with an ABC News reporter in December 1991. al-Megrahi said: "You judge me falsely. I'm a quiet man. I never had any problem with anybody. My life is clean."

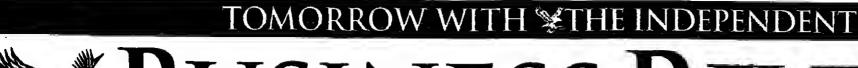
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Savers rush to buy, but they can't tell PEP from an ISA

IF IGNORANCE is truly bliss, BY KATHY MARKS then customers who beat a path to the Abbey National centre in north London yesterday must have been in a stood for. state of unalloyed ecstasy.

For those people who missed final opportunity to buy PEPs personal equity plans and special savings accounts.

From today, they will be replaced by a new financial product, the ISA, or Individual Savings Account.

So, rather than visit Alton Towers or stock up on seedlings at the garden centre, many people decided to spend their bank boliday Monday queuing up at those branches of banks and building societies that opened to deal with the last minute stampede.

Presumably, these customers had thought long and hard before making the decision to plough their money into a PEP or a Tessa. No doubt they were well acquainted with the relative merits of these two savings vehicles, compared with those of the new ISA. And

it went without saying, surely. branch at Brent Cross shopping that they certainly knew what all these cursed initials really There was a long pause as

Simon Levy, 42, scratched his the barrage of publicity over the bead, rolled his eyes and weekend, yesterday was the awaited inspiration. Mr Levy was about to buy himself a and Tessas, the tax-exempt new PEP at the Abbey National, but appeared more than a little hazy about its newly announced rival, the ISA. "It stands for, let me see, Investment Wotsit Account, doesn't it? Or is it Independent something or other?"

(SO WHAT IS AN ISA?)

THE ISA, which replaces the Pep and the Tessa from today, stands for Individual Savings Account, It is a new tax-free vehicle that combines cash savings with investment in stocks and shares. The total amount that can be placed in an isa In the first year is £7,000.

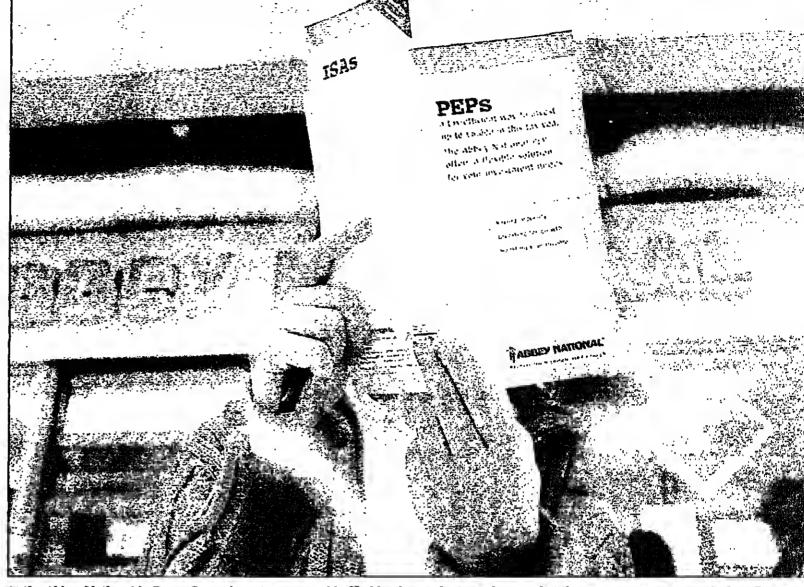
Mr Levy was not alone in his uncertainty. Only a tiny handful of Abbey National Customers at Brent Cross knew the meaning of all three acronyms. "It's like wading through alphabet soup," said a harassed-

looking woman, queuing with

two small children . The ISA was heralded by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, in his Budget speech as the answer to every small investor's prayers. Yet few people yesterday could say with confidence exactly how it works. 'It's like a PEP only different," said one. "Isn't it a new type of savings' scheme?" asked a potential investor "Haven't a clue." replied another.

They had no more than a glimmer of a notion, either, of the amount of money that can be invested in the first year of an ISA. "Is it £18,000?" suggested one over-optimistic young woman.

Abbey National, whose financial advisers were working flat out yesterday, had gone to great lengths to fill in the gaps customers knowledge. Leaflets explaining the different options were spread liberally over a table at the entrance



At the Abbey National in Brent Cross, investors seemed baffled by the products, and even what the names meant

that seemed designed to whip customers into a frenzy of financial activity. "The countdown has begun... it's the last day!" they proclaimed with a real sense of urgency: Maureen Bell, customer ser-

to the branch, while the walls vice manager at Brent Cross, were festooned with posters acknowledged that the enthusiasm of would-be savers and investors was not matched by an understanding of the fine print, or even in some cases the details printed in rather larger type. "A high percentage of people who want to buy these

products don't know what they are," sbe said.

That could be because they bad left it to the very last minute. "I'd meant to buy a Tessa, but I forgot," explained Dora Holdsworth, examining one of the building society's information leaflets. "Then I

beard a report on the radio this morning, and realised it was now or never."

Judging from the response of customers yesterday, Gordon Brown bas still got a long way to go before the British public opens its beart and wallet to the ISA. Of all three options, it was

the one about which least was known. And among ordinary shoppers at Brent Cross. the mere mention of it provoked bewilderment and startled looks. "ISA, never heard of it." said one woman laden with carrier bags. "What is it, some kind of ice-making machine?

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'Stonehenge-on-Sea' may be saved for the nation

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY **Environment Correspondent**

THE MYSTERIOUS "Stone-benge from the Sea" found in Norfolk may be saved. A plan to preserve the circle of oaks with an upside-down tree in its centre, thought to have been a shrine, will be discussed by English Heritage, the Govern-

timbers from the shore at Holme next the Sea, near Hunstanton, treat them and reassemble them elsewhere. The matter is urgent, because erosion of the coastline, which uncovered the tree circle, is threatening to destroy it.

University, Belfast confirmed it is 4,000 years old, dating from the early Bronze Age. The site is thus contemporaneous with the late phase of Stonehenge. "At the moment we place, with



ment's archaeological advisory How 'The Independent' broke the story

It may decide to remove the 95 per cent confidence, the cutting down of the trees that make it at between 2202 and 2036BC," said Gerry McCormac, director of the School of Archaeology and Palaeoecology. More work may produce a precise date.

The tree circle is almost Carbon dating at Queen's certainly a ritual site, and was perhaps used for excarnation the practice of exposing bodies so that the flesh rotted more quickly and the spirit was thus speeded on its way. It was originally on dry land.

It is regarded as one of the most remarkable British archaeological finds of the past century. But the initial reaction

not preserved, Protests by figures in the archaeological establishment who consider the site of immense importance, and the confirmation of its date.

of English Heritage was that it

should merely be recorded and

brought a change of mind. A full meeting of English Heritage commissioners a week tomorrow, under the ask people to stay away."

will discuss plans to save the circle by removing it from the shoreline. They will be looking at a range of options, including preservation," said John Birchall, of Norfolk County Council which is responsible for

"In broad terms they can just leave it on the site, try and preserve it on the site by covering it, or preserve it elsewhere. But trying to preserve it being swept away by the sea ulti-

mately is impossible." More than 5,000 people have visited the site since its existence was disclosed in January. Mr Birchall said. The number of visitors is causing concern. The peat in which the rees have been preserved is eroding faster than it would naturally do because of visitors, and breeding birds in the nature reserve along the shoreline are being disturbed," be said. "We would

Elusive 'alligator' | Couple rescued is an imitator

A COUNTRY park may have BY SIMON MASON unwittingly stumbled upon a novel way of pulling in the of days now but we have come crowds thanks to a rare North American salamander.

Last week the watersports lake at the Sandwell Valley country park in the West Midlands was closed as experts set out to snare a 3ft-long creature spotted by anglers.

Wildlife rangers now believe, they were on the trail of an alligator, that their quarry could be a salamander, a cold water lizard from the Appalachian mountains in North America

The park's senior countryside ranger, Ray Crouch, who has led the search, said: "It he had caught several alligators hasn't been sighted for a couple in his home country."

to the conclusion that it is a North American salamander, exotically known as a 'hell bender', which is endangered in the wild and could have arrived in this country via the pet trade."

The sightings led to a number of people trying to capture the creature. A rescue boat atdespite earlier speculation that tendant, Ricky Downes, said: "At about 1am on Thursday we had about 30 people down bere with torches, pikes and nets trying to catch the thing. We also had some guy who said he was an ambassador or diplomat who offered to catch it, saying

from sea crash

A WEALTHY art dealer and his By SIMON MASON pregnant wife were pulled from the sea yesterday 90 minutes after their belicopter crashed in

Paul Burgess, 37, and his wife Lisa, 27, were flying bome from Teignmouth, Devon, to Denham, Buckinghamshire, in a Jet Ranger helicopter when they lost contact with radar

fore noon. Their last known position was two miles south of Lyme Bay, Dorset, and a search was immediately launched by Port-

land coastguard. The crews of two local fishing vessels - described by the

sponded to the mayday alert. One of the fishing crews found the couple in the water less than a mile south of Charmouth. Dorset. A lifeboat took them to

Both were suffering from hypothermia and shock after spending one and a half hours in crew on the ground shortly bethe water at temperatures of less than 9C. Last night they were recovering at Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester, but were

expected to be released soon. The belicopter has been removed from the water and is under police guard. There are believed to have been a number coastguard spokesman as "ab- of paintings on board, some of solutely wonderful" - also re- which were lost in the sea.

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Apprentice Boys march in peace

LEADERS OF the Apprentice By DERIC HENDERSON Boys' movement offered to enter direct talks yesterday with nationalists opposed to marches through the area around the Lower Ormeau

As police stopped another parade crossing the River Lagan due to fears of sectarian violence in the district, the leadership said it was prepared to have face-to-face negotiations with representatives of the Catholic community.

Tommy Cheevers, of the Ballynafeigh branch of the Walker Club of the Apprentice Boys of Derry, whose members the Ormeau Bridge yesterday, said: "I'm ready to meet with them directly."

orders have refused meetings with nationalist residents' groups because of alleged links

Yesterday's parade, which cially in Drumcree.

signalled the start of the loyalist marching season, passed off without any trouble. Even though the Apprentice Boys claimed their offer had been turned down, their request for direct talks chaired by an independent mediator represents a significant shift.

ber of the Northern Ireland Parades Commission, said: "We are trying to bring about change in our country. We need more tolerance and a better understanding of each other.

"We are ready to address were stopped by the RUC on the concerns of these people, but here they are running away from dialogue."

Up to 3,000 parades are dua Memoers of other loyalist to be beld in Northern Ireland this year. Most will be troublefree but there is increasing public alarm over the potential for sectarian violence, espe-

With the peace process already under pressure, politicians on all sides fear that failure to resolve the critical issue of disputed parades could have an enormous impact on the communities this summer.

Gerard Rice of the Lower Ormeau residents claimed the Apprentice Boys' offer of talks was not serious. He said: "The only way we are going to solve start later this year, but it would seem from this stunt today that people are just out to wreck what process we were hoping to build.

"I will speak with the Apprentice Boys in five minutes. but talks alone will not resolve the marching issue. They would help, but when are people going to show respect for

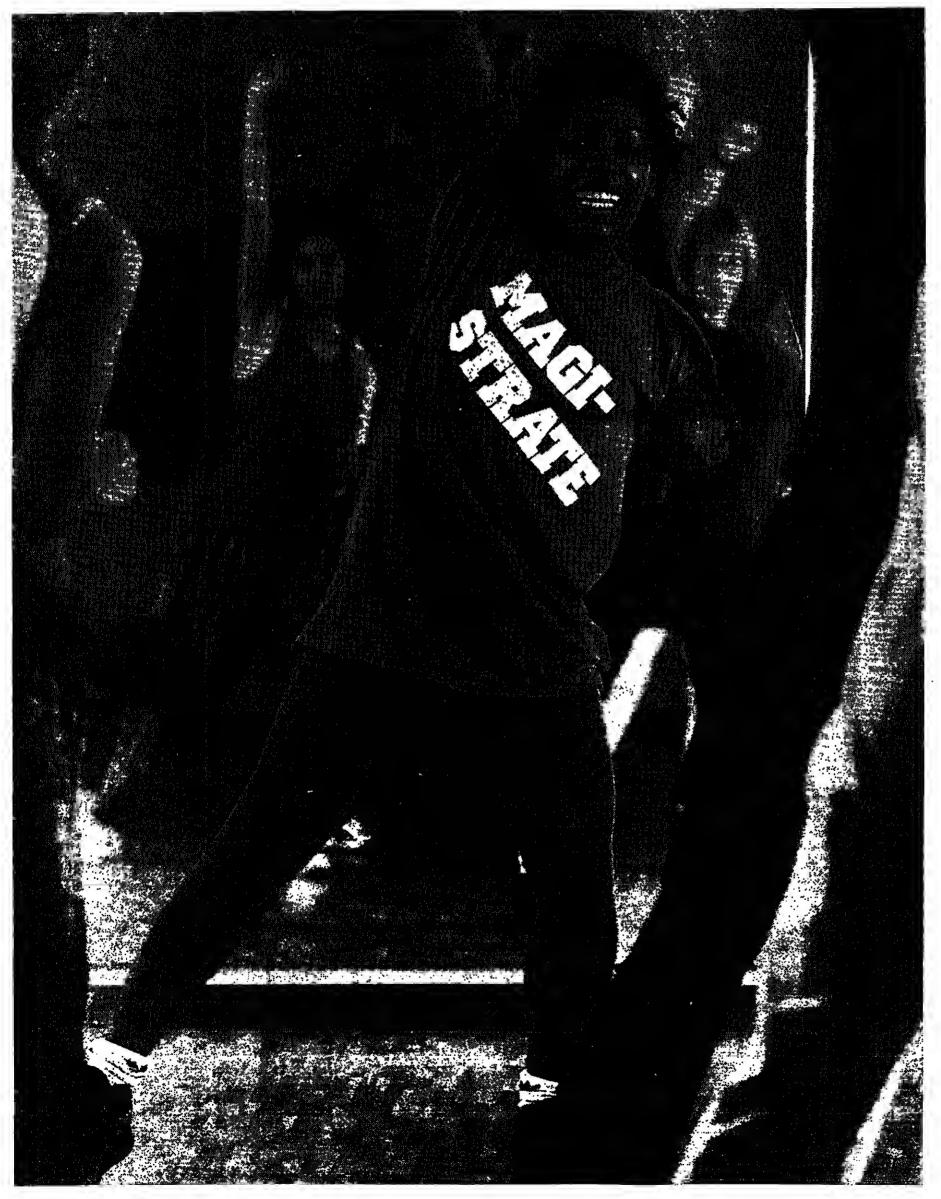
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Teachers threaten strikes on closures

THE BIGGEST teachers' union By JUDITH JUDD threatened strikes to stop the Government closing failing schools and sacking the staff.

Delegates at the National Union of Teachers' (NUT) annual conference voted for local strikes yesterday, days after David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education, told them his "fresh start" policy 40 hlack staff; by August this was working. The union is already poised to vote on a strike against the imposition of

performance-related pay. heard that hundreds of teachsures. Delegates accused the Government and local education authorities of scapegoating teachers grappling with difficulties in some of the poorest parts of the country.

Under the "fresh-start" policy, schools that failed their inspection are given two years to improve. If they do not they are closed and reopened with a new name and many new staff.

Kevin Doherty, a teacher made redundant from George Orwell School in north London, which will reopen as an arts and media college in September, said many of his former pupils believe they were failures. "They come up to you and say, 'the school is closing. We are failures aren't we?"."

Doug McAvoy, the NUT general secretary, said teachers should be paid extra to stay in failing schools and turn them round. Andrew Swainston, from Lambeth, in south London, a teacher at Lillian Baylis School one of 18 schools "named and shamed" when the Government first took office, said: "I speak in defence of hundreds of schools and thousands of teachers who have been pilloried and maligned despite the fact that they are working in the worst **Education Editor**

conditions imaginable, Injury to one is injury to all." His school was given a clean bill of health and hailed as one of the fastestimproving in the country but was still being "restructured." Five years ago there had been year there will be none. Martin Powell-Davies, from

Lewisham, south-east London. said 31 teachers at Hatcham The Brighton conference Wood School faced dismissal. ers in inner-city schools were and bring m new ones ... it is being made redundant by clo-rubhish, very dangerous rubbish. Dangerous for pupils, who face growing uncertainty and dangerous for staff, who face losing their jobs."

Martin Reed, of the NUT executive, said: "The 'fresh-start' culture has nothing to do with improvement ... It has everything to do with shattered morale, fear and distrust."

Anne Antonio said only three out of 43 teachers at Marina High School, Brighton, where two-thirds of pupils have learning difficulties, had been guaranteed their jobs under plans to close and reopen it. Yet a month ago an inspector said one new teacher's lesson was faultiess. "Is this the sort of teacher we want to make redundant because of this scapegoating exercise?" she said.

The leader of the secondbiggest teaching union appealed to ministers to negotiate and avert conflict over performance-related pay.

Bill Moriey, incoming president of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers, told its conference compromise was essential to avert the sort of confrontation that followed introduction of national curriculum tests in the early Nineties.

UK leads blitz on green crime

CRIMINAL GANGS who smug- By Paul Waugh gle endangered species are to be the subject of a British-led

drive to stamp out the trade. Police and prosecutors in impoverished countries in the Caribbean and the Commonwealth will receive specialised training in environmental and criminal law to capture the traffickers.

The European Union project, which has been spearheaded by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, is aimed specifically at frontline enforcement officers in developing nations.

The programme aims to tackle not only the smuggling of rare species of bgers, hirds and parrots, but also the illegal movement of environmentally damaging chemicals such as

Political Correspondent

Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). Michael Meacher, the Environment minister, has succeeded in persuading his EU counterparts to back the project's two main initiatives and spread Britain's pioneering approach on the issue.

One will give financial aid to workshops with developing countries and another is aimed at sharing information on organised crime gangs that has been gathered by a specialist unit of the G8 group of industrialised nations.

Mr Meacher said the Lyon Group, a body of experts on trans-national organised crime. would hegin a programme of

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Blair may pick Goodlad for EU post

THE FORMER Tory minister Sir BY COLIN BROWN Alastair Goodlad may be nominated by Tony Blair as Britain's new European Commissioner

The Prime Minister will agree the names of the nominees for the posts when he meets Romano Prodi, the president-designate of the Eu-Downing Street sources con-

The mass resignation of the Commission in response to allegations of fraud and mis-

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management has accelerated the need to agree a new team under Mr Prodi.

The need for urgent reappointments could rule out Chris Patten, the former governor of ropean Commission on 14 April. Hong Kong who will be committed to chairing the commission on the future of the Royal Ulster Constabulary until

There are strong, though

agreed to accept Sir Alastair. who was nominated by William Hague, the Conservative

But Ian Taylor, a former minister with expertise in information technology, is a strong late contender.

Neil Kinnock, the Labour transport commissioner, will bave his term renewed, but under new rules, Mr Prodi has more power over the selection

unconfirmed reports at West- of his new Commission team April. Mr Prodi, who was se- anti-euro campaign, Business accept Mr Blair's nominations. he can negotiate to ensure they are the right choice for the portfolios he has in mind.

In a break with the past, Mr Prodi is expecting a list of candidates from Mr Blair and other leaders, rather than two firm nominations.

Downing Street sources confirmed that it was likely the choice would be made at the

minster, that Mr Blair has and although he is expected to lected at the Berlin summit and must be endorsed by the European Parliament, wants the commissioners to be in place the summer, although their term of office formally starts in

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December. There is growing criticism among some pro-euro MPs at the failure of the Britain in Europe campaign by Lord Marshall of Knightshridge, the president of British Airways, to meeting with Mr Prodi on 14 make more impact against the

for Sterling. One pro-euro MP said: "There are a lot of tensions within the pro-euro campaign.

"It's really got off to a pretty chaotic start and at this rate, it could wreck the chances of holding a referendum."

The anti-euro campaigners claim their opponents' campaign was stalled by the launch coinciding with the call by the former German finance minister, Oskar Lafontaine, for tax harmonisation across Europe. Mayhew from the London Corporation to the board of the proeuro campaign was aborted after protests over its neutral-

ity being undermined. Pro-euro MPs said the tions on 10 June. Britain in Europe campaign for the single currency had been badly handled, but one supporter at Westminster said: "It's not going anywhere hut it doesn't matter.

"We are keeping our powder dry until after the European

The appointment of Judith elections are over. Then we will begin."

There is an uneasy truce among pro-euro Tory MPs, led by Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine, until after the elec-

"If William Hague tightens up the euro position, some of us will come out fighting," said a senior Tory. "We have said to him, Just keep your mouth shut.' If Hague decides to make it an election issue, there will be a split in the party."

Liverpool waterfront is ranked with the Taj Mahal

LIVERPOOL'S WATERFRONT, BY KATE WATSON-SMYTH the New Forest and parts of the Paddington to Bristol railway line are among 25 places Durham Cathedral and Castle, in the UK nominated today for World Heritage Status.

If they join the United Nations list, the sites will rank alongside such places as the Great Wall of China, the Grand Canyon and the Taj Mahal.

Chris Smith, the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, announced the final list of British nominations, which will be considered by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) over the next five to 10 years.

Two of the 25 sites will be formally nominated this year - the Blaenavon Industrial landscape in South Wales, and the town of St George in Bermuda. The Dorset and East Devon Coast and New Lanark, south Lanarkshire, will be nominated in 2000.

Mr Smith said last August represented, and it is hoped Chatham Naval Base in Kent landscapes and communities. are also on the list.

The World Heritage Conesco in 1972, and has been recognition they deserve." ratified by 147 states.

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The first UK list was submitted in 1986 and there are heritage status, including years' time.

Stonehenge, the City of Bath, and Hadrian's Wall,

World Heritage status means the Government is answerable to the international community for ensuring that the sites are maintained to high standards.

Maria Glot, the publicity officer for the 19th-century village of Saltaire, near Bradford, which is also on the list, said she was delighted. "We have worked so hard for this and it is really deserved," she said. Saltaire, on the banks of the

River Aire and distinguished by cobhled streets, almshouses and period-piece public huildings, was established by the mill owner Sir Titus Salt in 1853. It receives nearly a million visitors a year.

But a spokesman for British Waterways, which had hoped that the 200-year-old canal system would be nominated, that Britain's industrial, cul-tural and scientific influence on decision: "Half the population the world was inadequately of Britain lives within five miles of our historic canal netnish Mining Industry, the continue to have - such a huge Forth Rail Bridge and the impact in shaping a country's

of time before Britain's canals vention was adopted by Un- are given the international

Mr Smith said that places now 17 British sites accorded the list was up for review in five



Liverpool, one of the great ports of the 19th century, from where Europeans set sail for the New World Brian Harris boyhood home of Lord Castlereagh





Blaenavon, Sonth Wales, with its finely preserved ironworks



Mount Stewart Gardens in Northern Ireland,

Britain's Nominations for World Heritage Status

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Two monasteries in the North-east both built in the 7th century. New Forest, Hampshire A beautiful cultural landscape. Paddington/Bristol

Railway (selected parts) Built by Isambard Kingdom Brunel in the 1840s. Saltaire, West Yorkshire Mill and associated settlement buildings.

Shakespeare's Stratford Now home to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and the Swan Theatre. The Wash and north

Norfolk coast This large expanse of water Is known for its bird life and factory. unique flora.

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WALES Blaenavon industrial landscape, Torfaen is excellently preserved. Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, Wrexham

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Once in a blue moon legend proves to be pie in the sky

BY STEVE CONNOR Science Editor

THE FOLKLORE legend which says that a blue moon is when two full moons occur in the same calendar month derives from an error made more than 50 years ago by an American New research into the ori-

gins of the phrase "once in a blue moon" has discredited the popular notion that it stems from the relatively rare occasion when a month has two full moons. Historians have traced sayings that include references to a blue moon for more than 400 years hut its more modern month - has become common only over the past 20 years.

Although many people assumed this must have referred to centuries-old observations concerning the rarity of two full moons in a month, the earliest record of this usage dates back only to 1946, when it appeared in an issue of Sky & Telescope scope, and Donald Olsen, a moons, not one of them was the in family gatherings.



meaning - two full moons in a Blue moons are not all they appear to be

1937 edition of the Maine Farm- ond full moon of the month in

magazine. The author of the Texas physicist and authority piece, J Huge Pruett, an as- on almanacs, revealed that years tronomer from Oregon, cited a there was no mention of a sec-

ers' Almanac that discussed the Mnine Farmers' Almanac. blue moons. However, an in- They scoured more than 40 the game of Trivial Pursuit in vestigation by Roger Sinnott, editions of the almanac and the Eighties, where the myth the current editor of Spy & Tele- while they found plenty of hlue has been repeated many times

second full moon of the month. "Several clues in the almanacs pointed to a strong connection between blue moons and the seasons of the year, which normally have three full moons each." Mr Sinnott said.

They determined that the meaning of "blue moon" was a reference to the third full moon in a season when there were four, but only if you mark the i.eginning of the seasons using an outmoded rule based on the dates of Easter and Lent.

Mr Sinnott said that until now nobody had realised that Mr Pruett had misinterpreted the Maine almanac and that his description had developed into a legend that had been repeated many times over the past 52

Mr Pruett's definition of a blue moon became so popular. in fact, that it even surfaced in

space hotel for astrotourists

seemed too Earthbound, a conference is offering a proposal that may seem too good to miss: holidays in space.

Though the facilities may not be ready yet - in fact, probably not for another 15 years a growing number of private investors in the United States. Europe and Japan believe that there will be a real demand and a realistic price for taking spacebreaks by 2025.

"The market will be there. and it will grow, not unlike the market for transatlantic flights in the 1920s and 1930s," said Dr William Gaubatz, who will be one of the speakers at the Spaceships for Tourists conference in Bremen, Germany, "It's easy to forget with modern travel that in those days there were very few passengers and prices tended to be high."

Michael Heaney, chairman of the Space Frontier Foundation of New York, agrees: "Access to space will become routine and

IF THE Easter holidays have BY CHARLES ARTHUR Technology Editor

> of it as being like going on a cruise. except that you're in zero gravity and you'll have the prettiest view imaginable." Certainly the first British astronaut. Helen Sharman, agreed on her return from the Mir space station that the colours of the Earth seen from space were "more intense than anything I've ever seen. Photographs can't reproduce it".

> The would-be tour companies got a fillip from the US space ageocy Nasa two years ago, when its managers declared that future visits to space stations should be based on the cruise-line industry. Last September, an American consortium unveiled a \$5hn (£3m) plan to turn "space junk" - the tanks from Space Shuttles into a 400-place orbiting hotel.

Mr Heaney believes there have already been a couple of "space tourists" in the form of much cheaper," he said. "Think astronauts whose presence

was more symbolic than useful, and cites the trip by the US original Apollo astronauts who human with a spacesuit and Sbuttle last year, aged 77. ment pushes up the cost to "That was essentially roughly \$4m (£2.5m) per tourism," Mr Heaney said. "I person. think there have been astronauts on Mir who were really

The principal obstacle at stay in. Getting a pound of for the experience.

"payload" into orbit with the Space Sbuttle costs about Senator John Glenn, one of the \$10,000 (£6,250), so that a went up again in the Space up to 400lb of water and equip-

"But we should he able to get that down to, say, \$400,000 [£250,000] per ticket." said Mr present is the cost of building survey in Japan recently the rockets to take tourists found, thousands of people aloft, and facilities for them to would be prepared to save up



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East Timor moves closer to civil war

East Timor moved a step clos- in Jakarta er to civil war last night as the guerrilla leader Xanana Gus- the renewal of the armed strugmao warned of "a bloodbath", after a deadly battle between independence activists and supporters of the Indonesian the Falintil guerrillas to take all government.

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THE OCCUPIED territory of By RICHARD LLOYD PARRY

gle by the East Timorese guerrilla army, Falintil.

"I am compelled to authorise necessary actioo... against the In a bitterly worded state- unprovoked and murderous atforces]," he said. "I also authoragainst the armed militia

the population with impunity under the indifferent eye of the international community.

"I know that the East Timorese people will suffer another bloodbath, but I also know that we have no other alternative because it is our homeland and the right to it is ours. And we are prepared to make all the necessary sacrifices."

The announcement came after a day of fighting between hundreds of pro-Indonesian militia men and activists sup-

groups who have been killing porting independence. Estimates of the number of casualties ranged between two and 17 killed, with some seven seriously injured by gunfire, and dozens of others wounded with machetes and arrows.

Western diplomats in Jakarta and local journalists reported that refugees, some wounded. were fleeing to the Timorese capital, Dili, after the worst confrontation since Indonesia's January announcement that it was prepared to let go of the former Portuguese territory.

the road between the towns of Maubara and Liquica on the ple, East Timor finds itself closer than ever to independence, west side of East Timor. Ever since the Indonesian ann- but formidable obstacles remain. Talks in the United Naouncement, unrest has been growing among the minority of tions between Indonesia and Portugal are scheduled to end East Timorese who favour conthis month with a proposal for tinuing integration with In-"autonomy". If this is rejected donesia. Yesterday's battle by the East Timorese populainvolved independence campaigners in Liquica and a pro-Jakarta militia group, known as

the Red and White, after the

colours of the Indonesian flag.

Twenty-three years after a

linquish sovereignty. Large numbers of Indonesian settlers bave left East Timor as tensioo has increased

The violence broke out on brutal invasion, which lead to between independence supporthe deaths of some 200,000 peoters and pro-integrationists. some armed by the Indonesian military.

Despite being massively outnumbered, the Falintil guerrillas have fought a stubborn jungle war since 1975. Since January, they have been largely inactive as hopes have risen for a diplomatic solution.

Mr Gusmao's remarks last bon. Jakarta has said it will renight indicate his increasing impatience with the slow progress of negotiations amid the increasing atmosphere of

violence in the territory. "Our political goodwill and our commitment to peace have been perceived as our weakest point and because we have been trying to uphold this position the international community seems not to feel the necessity to contribute to a peaceful so-

hution," be said. We have fought alone these past 23 years, not only against a despotic and murderous regime, but also against the complete indifference of the international community."

France in panic over killer soft cheese

A SERIES of well-publicised - By JOHN LICHFIELD possibly over-publicised - cases of listeria in cheese has seot sbock waves through the French dairy industry.

Traditional producers see a plot in Paris or Brussels, even in America, to destroy one of the great creations of French culture: the soft, runny cheese, made with raw, unpasteurised milk. Domestic sales of two varieties of cheese – époisses and saint-félicien – have fallen by nearly 70 per ceot, Unless sales pick up, even larger firms will be driven out of business. pasteurisation compulsory.

The scare began when two people died, and a third lapsed into a coma, in January after eating a bad batch of "epoisses" made by a rogue company, which did not have the right to use the name. Since then the health ministry has ordered the withdrawal of several batches of cheese in which minuscule traces of listeria were detected. Cheeses affected include varieties of camembert, chaource, savovard and maroilles.

milk. In theory such cheeses unfairness in the consumer remilk. In fact, many producers use methods that do involve a certain amount of heat treatment. Traditional manufacturers insist it is these cheeses oot the genuinely raw milk cheeses - that are causing the problems. Overall, cases of listeria in French cheese have, in fact, fallen in recent years.

Some producers blame the health ministry for demanding the withdrawal of cheeses from in Paris

the market on the slightest indication of infection. Others say that a 1994 French law, based on an over-rigorous EU directive, victimises soft and runny cheeses, because it al-

lows zero-tolerance of listeria. There is also suspicion that the new bealth drive is a response to long-standing US demands for the creation of world trading standards for cheese, which would, in effect, make

Alain Dubois, a Parisian cheese trader, said: "Listeria is everywhere, in water, in the air. in the soil. If you did the same kind of minute analysis of german sausages or Norwegian salmon, the results would be very amusing ... The French dairy industry is the safest in the world. There is no cause to threaten small producers in this way or to despise people who still want to eat real food."

Cheese wholesaler, Laurent All are made from raw, whole Dubois, said there was a great pasteurised cheese had been worst affected. In fact, all the cheeses that had been incriminated had been made from milk which was part-pasteurised or heat treated. "These techniques oeutralise the bacteria in the raw milk. But some of these are antibodies, which defend the cheese naturally against dangerous bacteria. If listeria gets into these cheeses accidentally, it can develop unchecked."



Stars' burger bar sinking into debt

PLANET HOLLYWOOD, the promises sightings of Arnold Schwarzeoegger and Bruce Willis alongside its burgers and fries, is teetering on the brink of bankruptcy after failing to sustain a lightning-speed glob-

Despite its star shareholders who include Sylvester Stallooe, Demi Moore and Whoopi Goldberg as well as Willis and Schwarzenegger - the nonstop media coverage of its fancy openings and showbiz parties and its very public quotation on the New York Stock Exchange, the chain is sinking ever deeper into debt and has started missing interest repayments. Last week, Planet Hollywood International reported a loss of \$228m (£146m) for the fourth quarter of 1998, bringing its total losses for last year to \$243m. The five celebrities shared a block of \$12.7m shares and face a buge loss on their portfolios.

It appears to have expanded too fast, suffered from increasingly crowded competition in Los Angeles

and failed to lure the curious, first-time diners back. Since its opening five years ago, Planet Hollywood has opened in cities all over the world. But it is putting its Times Square restaurant in New York up for sale, as well as its headquarters in Orlando, Florida. The company is revising its menu and changing booking procedures to try to return to profitability.



Willis: Celebrity backing did little for custom

US gun law put to vote for first time

CAMPAIGNERS ON either side By MARY DEJEVSKY of the vexed US gun debate will in Washington it becomes the first state in the US to take a vote on the right

to carry a firearm. The referendum is viewed across the country as a barometer of support for tougher restrictions, which are favoured

by the Clinton administration. "Proposition B" asks voters to approve the legal "right to carry a concealed weapon" the

contains a string of safeguards, including denying the right to convicted or wanted criminals, which proponents of the measure say match the toughest in any part of the United States.

Missouri has been one of only seven states in the US where it is not legal to carry a concealed weapon. There are 12 states where the right is standard expression for the restricted, but it is legal in Jacques Munch | right to bear arms in public. It 31 states.

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Girl, 13, killed by suicide bomber

French consumers are buying far less raw-milk unpasteurised cheese since the listeria scare

A TEENAGE girl was killed yes- By Justin Huggler terday when a suicide bomber tried to hurl himself at a regional governor in eastern Turkey. The girl, 13, was the latest victim of a wave of bomb attacks that has swept Turkey since the capture of the Kurdish

rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan. No one claimed responsibilty for the attack, but officials blamed supporters of Mr Ocalan. Governor Suleyman Kamci, who escaped unharmed, said be was walking from his car to his offices when

the bomber ran at him, deto oating explosives strapped to his body. "This is not an attack on me but on the Turkish state," said Mr Kamci. "The kind of people who can do this are traitors." Twelve bystanders were injured by the

blast, which killed the bomber. Mr Ocalan's Kurdish Workers' Party has declared Turkey a war zone and warned tourists

IN BRIEF

Hutu rebels slash 40 to death

HUTU REBELS from Tanzania have killed at least 40 people with machetes over three days in neighbouring southern Burundi, the army said. Most victims were in Makamba province. 50 miles south of the capital. Bujumbura, Hutus form the majority of Burundi's 6.2 million population. The dominant Tutsis are the minority.

Saddam orders 'US demon' statue PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein has ordered that a statue be set up in Baghdad depicting the US as "an angry demon seeking to suck the people's blood". The monument will represent American aggression, according to a statement

issued after the Iraqi leader chaired a cabinet meeting. Japanese recover wartime bomb

THE JAPANESE navy safely recovered a 660lb Second World War bomb from Tokyo Bay, Divers lifted the armour-piercing bomb from its resting place 20 feet below the surface. Tokyo was an important military port and bombs have occasionally been recovered.

Nigerian vote appeal dismissed

NIGERIA'S COURT of Appeal dismissed a legal challenge to the presidential election victory of the country's former military ruler General Olusegun Obasanjo, brought by his defeated rival Olu Falae.

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Russia crackles and pops into springtime

STREET LIFE

some battle with winter, which overstays its welcome, February sees the frost release its iroo grip, the birds begin to sing and the bours of daylight lengthen, yet the snow cootinues to fall thicker than ever. This year, between false thaws, the snow was falling

until the end of March. Only last week did the sun shine suddenly hot, melting the snow and turning the parks to lakes and the streets to rivers. There will be no leaves for another month and more snowflakes may yet swirl in the wind. But oow, it is clear that the new season bas taken the upper hand.

"I can't stand being stuck in the city another minute," said my friend Vitaly. "Let's go out to the countryside." It was too early, really. The roads to the dachas would be swamps. The neighbours in Samotechny Lane, still keeping their cars in their corrugated iron garages, tooked at us askance as we polished up Lastochka (Swallow), my faithful, flying rust bucket, "We'll stick to the main roads," said Vitaly. "We'll just go and see my sister in Kolomna. Maybe we will be in

time for the ledokhod." Kolomna is an ancient town with a kremlin and monastery. a two-hour drive south-east of Moscow. Vitaly's sister Natasha lives in an old house oo Suvorov Street, overlooking the Oka river. "You're too late," she said. "The ice has cracked.

sounded like distant cannon fire. But let's go down to the river anyway." If no icebreaker cuts through the ice. it breaks itself in a dramatic oatural process called the ledokhod. After the first boom,

Melting snow has turned the streets to rivers

the ice rears up and fractures into ever smaller pieces that crackle and pop like breakfast cereal in milk

The river was half-fluid. Icebergs glided down the middle. On one large floe attached to the bank, anglers sat on camp stools, drilling through the ice like demon dentists and fishing through the holes. "Come on over," shouted one. "It's perfectly safe. The ice is still seven centimetres thick " Natasha said: "They're mad. They're only fishing to feed their cats." Her brother ripped off his shirt and began rubbing

his chest with ice crystals,

IN RUSSIA, spring is a weari- I heard it the other night. It Natasha gave a disgusted look and led me off in search of pussy willow for Willow Sunday as the Russians call Palm Sunday.

> After lunch, Vitaly had to stay in. drying his boots and trousers on the radiator. Natasha took me shopping. We went to the honey shop, attached to an award-winning privatised factory that produces gourmet and medicinal boneys and mead. The head biochemist waxed lyrical about the bumblebees, which had just woken and were flying to the willows. "To me, that's the real start of spring." she said.

We left with a crate of different hooevs - with walnuts, with ginseng, with propolis and several bottles of alcobolic mead. Then it was on to a sbop for sausages from a local factory that had adopted German

wurst-making technology. Natasha added two sacks of potatoes from her cellar and proudly filled the car boot with food for Vitaly and me. "In Soviet times, we country people had to take the train up to the capital to buy food. Now you come out to the country for it.

That is the way it should be." At midnight, I dropped Vitaly at his house, then drove to Samotechny Lane, where I parked in a deep puddle. The neighbours' curtains twitched as I unloaded my share of the booty. I was ready for bed - after I put my sboes and trousers to dry on the radiator.

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BUSINESS

BY DIANE COYLE

Economics Editor

the City. The Chancellor

dropped a strong hint that a deal

along these "co-existence" lines

was likely in his recent evi-

dence to the Treasury Com-

mittee. He told MPs: "We will

take whatever action is neces-

sary. I have said before that we

are not prepared to introduce

the withholding tax in Britain

and we favour the exchange of

information as the basis of mov-

ing forward on these matters."

say, in reply to repeated ques-

tions, that he would exercise the

British veto on the withholding

tax. The Treasury has started

to liaise with the City on the pro-

The Chancellor refused to

A DEAL to introduce an EU-

wide tax at source on interest

income on eurobonds will be

finalised in time for a 17 April

meeting of European finance

ministers. Britain has agreed

not to veto the withholding tax

proposal despite fears that it

poses a threat to the City of

London, the EU's main centre

A compromise deal is ex-

pected to give member govern-

ments the option of either

levying the tax on interest paid

to EU residents or of providing

information on the interest pay-

ments to other member states.

As the UK already has a re-

porting system in place, Gordon Brown has concluded the new

tax would not severely damage

chief executive, Peter Salsbury,

to cut 200 jobs in a bid to reduce

costs and improve efficiency.

These will be the company's

first redundancies since 1992.

Staff were further unnerved

by the company's refusal to decide who will be made

consultation process that could

decision to identify the depart-

ments where the cuts will take

place without naming the peo-

ple who are to lose their jobs

will lead to months of damag-

ing uncertainty for thousands

The company, which was

rocked by a shock profits warn-

of employees.

for the eurobond market.

Compromise at hand

in eurobond tax deal

posals. But as part of the deal

the EU will seek an agreement

with non-members, such as

Switzerland, to close a loophole

whereby bond issuers could

avoid the tax or reporting

BRIEFING

STOCK MARKETS

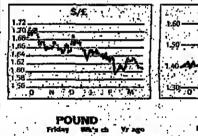
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last months. According to workforce that the units

Baker Street insiders, M&S's responsible for buying, store

ing in January, has told the review is due to be completed.

climbed 45 points to 16,334.78, but the yen weakened. In the US, Wall Street opened strongly, with the Dow up by 77 points at 9,909.65 by mid-morning.

Japan's quarterly Tankan survey showed the first rise in business sentiment in Japan for two years, with companies predicting further improvement by June.

Confidence was still subdued. however, with balances of minus 47 in manufacturing and minus 34 in non-manufacturing, showing that pessimists far exceed optimists

tinue improving."

The government reacted cautiously. Hiromu Nonaka. a spokesman, said: "There are

brighter signs, but we still need

to be vigilant on the economy."

Kevin Hebner, a strategist at Credit Suisse Asset Management in Tokyo, said: "This type of bad news is good news. It is a way to measure how corporations are getting serious about restructuring.

Other data showed a 3.8 per cent real fall in household spend-

ing the issuer either to gross up interest payments to offset the impact of any new tax or to call the bond at par - that is, redeem it for its face value.

requirements by paying interabove par at present, most of the est through a non-EU agent. As a further concession to concerns raised by market participants in Frankfurt and London, some existing eurobonds will be exempt from the tax. But

the "grandfathering" - exemption of bonds in issue before a be exempt from the new tax. cut-off date ~ might not be as However, as this would create a eurobond market split widespread as rumour suggests. The planned tax posed a between old and new issues, the particular problem for about 5 authorities are trying to draft an 7 per cent of the \$2.8hn exemption that would apply (£1.7bn) eurobonds outstandonly to the minority of existing ing, as these have clauses oblig-

With many bonds trading

issuers affected would choose the second option, equivalent to an estimated \$5bn windfall transfer to them from investors uncertainty hanging over the The financial markets have

ignored this problem, assuming that all pre-existing bonds will issues subject to the tax clause.

The possibility of a compromise on the withholding tax arose with the departure of Oskar Lafontaine, the confrontational former German finance minister. The British and German governments have agreed to settle the issue before Germany's EU presidency ends this summer in order to lift the

financial markets. The proposal for a pan-EU savings tax was first put forward in December 1997. Eurobonds are bearer bonds that can be cashed anywhere, and are used by retail investors in some European countries as a means of tax evasion. Retail investors are thought to account for 10 to 20 per cent of the market.

C&W ponders £11bn merger proposal

By Francesco Guerrera

CABLE & WIRELESS is considering a plan to merge part of its cable company, Cable & Wireless Communications (CWC), with its rival Telewest to create a cable television and phone giant with a market value of more than £11bn and more than 2.6 million UK customers.

The telecommunications group is believed to be studying a proposal by the US merchant bank Merrill Lynch to split the residential and business services provided by CWC, where C&W owns a 53 per cent stake. Under the plan, CWC's residential division, which provides telephone lines and cable TV channels to around 1.2 million UK households, would be merged with Telewest, the UK's largest cable operator with more than 1.4 million customers.

Following the merger, C&W would acquire CWC's business division. The disposal of the business assets, which have been valued at around \$7bn (£4.3bn) would end CWC's twoyear spell as a quoted company.

Under the Merrill Lynch proposal, the merger of CWC residential services - which accounts for around a quarter of the firm's £2.2bn turnover - with Telewest would be carried out through an exchange of the companies' highly rated shares, with no cash changing hands. The nopremium deal would leave CWC's minority sharebolders, including the US telephone company Bell Atlantic, with stakes in the enlarged Telewest.

However, the injection of CWC's residential assets, valued by experts at around \$7bn. would dilute the boldings of Telewest's shareholders, which include the US telecoms giant AT&T and the US cable group MediaOne, currently merging with its rival Comcast.

whether C&W would retain a stake in the enlarged group. A complete exit from the residential cable market would be a bold move for Graham Wallace, C&W's new chief executive, less than a month after the decision to float One2One, the group's mobile phone joint venture, with MediaOne.

C&W, CWC and Telewest deviding "visibly better service". | clined to comment yesterday.

Dismay at M&S over job cuts BY FRANCESCO GUERRERA MORALE AT Marks & Spencer has hit rock bottom on the eve of a major promotional campaign to revive the retailer's ailing fortunes. Insiders said that the 3,800 employees at M&S's headquarters in Baker Street, London, were dismayed at the recent decision by the new

A company spokeswoman

said the delay in finalising the

redundancies - set to cost £8m

- would allow M&S to consult

comes as M&S prepares to

launch a major promotional

campaign to win back con-

sumer confidence and reverse

its recent decline in sales. Dis-

plays will draw customers' at-

The slump in staff morale

widely with the workforce.

redundant until the end of a Peter Salsbury, M&S chief executive, whose decision to cut 200 jobs has unnerved employees at Baker Street

Signs of optimism emerge in Japan's ailing economy

development and estates will

bear the brunt of the job cuts. Other departments, such as

personnel, finance and infor-

mation technology, are still to

be examined by Mr Salsbury

dundancies in June when the

chief executive's wide-ranging

and could see a number of re-

BUSINESS CONFIDENCE in BY DIANE COYLE Japan was slightly less depressed in the latest quarter, indicated a key survey. The news yesterday boosted share prices, but the Bank of Japan said it was too soon to conclude that the

economy had hit bottom. The Nikkei 225 share index

Shosaku Murayama, head of

the Bank of Japan's research department, said: "Plans for sales. fixed investment and employment remain quite cautious, but business sentiment improved slightly and is expected to con-

The survey revealed plans for steep cuts in investment, despite anticipating rising profits. Double-digit profit growth is likely to be accompanied by a near 10 per cent drop in investment spending in 1999/2000.

ing in the year to February.

Flotations fall as investors cold-shoulder small firms

terms of quality, value and

The programme includes

plans to double the promotion

and advertising budget to £20m

for the year. In a leaked memo

Salsbury wrote: "We have to

restore quickly our customers'

confidence in [M&S] as their pre-

ferred retailer", with staff pro-

sent to staff last month, Mr

innovation," she added.

Stock Exchange slumped to a 10-year low in the first quarter of 1999, hit by investors' aversion to small companies, a survey by the accountancy firm KPMG will reveal today.

tention to M&S-specific products

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According to the study, a "virtual boycott" of smaller firms by leading fund man-year, one of the worst on record. shouldered... The gloom agers led to just 10 new listings on the stock market in the first three months of the year - the lowest level in a decade.

Stripping out the six investment trusts that floated during the period, the number of fullblown companies debuting on the London market is reduced

FLOTATIONS on the London By FRANCESCO GUERRERA

to four: the beer giant South African Breweries and IT firms Synstar, Axon and Morse. The survey claims that if the

current trend continues, the number of new issues in 1999 will fall below the 69 achieved last Small firms have had a difficult time as a flurry of merger

activity and the introduction of the euro prompted investors to focus on large groups with international exposure. Their plight - many small firms are manufacturers and exporters bas been compounded by the

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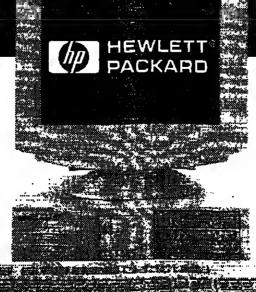
Neil Austin, head of new issues at KPMG Corporate Finance, said: "Our survey is further confirmation that smaller companies are being coldsurrounding the new issues market shows no sign of lifting."

The study says the climate for small companies remains very poor, and the rest of the year will be dominated by a few large floats, such as the recently completed £2.2bn listing of the property group Canary Wharf.



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Three steps to making work pay

MAKING WORK PAY is critical to the Government's strategy of tackling the root causes of poverty and disadvantage in our society. As we described in our Social Justice Commission pamphlet in 1993, the last 20 years have seen the rise of a two-tier labour market in Britain: a growing number of two-earner households alongside a record number of working age households with no-one in work - either officially unemployed or trapped in "non-employment" (without work hut outside the official unemployment count).

Today around 3 million households – nearly one in five – have no one in work, double the number in 1979. For many, the gains to work have simply been too low. The combined effects of paying tax and losing benefit meant they were little or no better off working than on welfare, locking people into the poverty and unemployment traps. This is the main reason for the tripling of the number of children living in poverty over the past two decades.

Some doubted, before the 1997 election, whether tax reform to improve work incentives would make a difference to the number of people moving into work. Their mistake was to take an overly static view of the labour market. New research by Paul Gregg, Paul Johnson and Howard Reed - co-ordinated by the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) suggests it will. If the IFS study is right, the combined effect of the Chancellor's reforms could spring

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The minimum wage. 10p tax band and reform of National Insurance will help spring the poverty and unemployment traps

290,000 people who are estimated to move into work.

The test starts now. April is delivery month for the Government's Make Work Pay agenda. A year ago the New Deal for Young People was rolled out as a national programme to get the under 25s back to work, matching new opportunities with new responsibilities. This month sees the introduction of the national minimum wage, the 10p starting rate of tax and the first wave of reforms to the National Insurance system designed to make work pay. From October, the Working Families Tax Credit (WFTC) will be boosting the pay packets of 1.4 mil-

lion low-paid workers. Over 1.8 million low-paid people will see their income tax bills halved by the 10p rate, and a further 900,000 people will be removed from tax altogether by the second wave of National Insurance reforms announced in the Budget. Add to this the Working Families Tax Credit, and

the minimum wage, and the gain from work for a one-earner couple under 11 will have increased by an average of 25 per cent from before the 1998 Budget - equivalent to an

The traditional approach to modelling the effects of these policies has been to look at the wages of people currently in work, and assume that these are the wages that people cur-rently out of work would command if they moved into work. For the first time, Gregg, Johnson and Reed model the effect of policy by making use of the actual wages earned by those who move into work.

These new "dynamic" findings show that people who move into work do so at wages considerably below those of current employees with otherwise similar characteristics. Work pays less well for those who move from worklessness to work. The effect is that policies to increase the rewards of work have a correspondingly greater effect.

The study uses data from the Quarterly Labour Force Survey (LFS), which samples 12,000 people five times over a period of 15 months. This makes it possible to track working-age people who start off out of work, but subsequently make the move into work, and see what wages they obtain. On average, these are only two-thirds of the wages of working people as a whole.

By modelling the tax and benefits system using data from the Family Resources Survey (FRS), it is then

possible to calculate how much better off people would be if they took on £200 per week with two children jobs paying those wages rather than staying on benefits. Putting together this information from the LFS and the FRS, it is possible to estimate the effect of changes to in-work income on the numbers of people who move

> The financial returns to working do affect the probability of entering

The authors simulate the effect of three of the Government's headline policies to make work pay: the Working Families Tax Credit, National Insurance reforms, and the 10p income-tax rate. The WFTC will provide more generous in-work payments to working families than the current system of Family Credit, which it replaces in October, And because the taper - the rate at which WFTC is reduced as income rises - is lower, recipients will be able to keep more of what they earn, increasing their work incentives.

From April 2000, WFTC will also be paid through the wage packet, eliminating the stigma of claiming

into work.

work for both men and women. with the effects slightly larger for women. A £10 increase in the amount of income someone can earn is estimated to increase the likelihood of moving into work by just under 1 percentage point for men, and just under 2 percentage points for women. This relationship between the gains to work and movement into work seems to be strongest where the initial financial returns are lowest.

> give the greatest tax cut to those on low incomes The WFTC alone is estimated to increase the number of people moving into work by over 90,000. The effects are very different across different types of people. For married women whose partners are out of work, and lone parents, the effects are substantial. Almost 7 per cent of lone mothers are estimated to move into work as a result of the WFTC (there are also likely to be large effects for lone fathers, but there are too few in the sample to model

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effects on them separately). And

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THE EFFECT OF REFORMS

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help to make work pay for all lowincome earners, including second earners and the childless. Looking across the package, the employment effects are positive for all The table above shows the overall increase in the likelihood of finding work for different family types. While single men are only 3 per cent

and national insurance reforms will

more likely to be in work, this probability rises to nearly 10 per cent for lone parents and married women in workless households. Of course, the effects of the Gov-

ernment's reforms cannot be measured just by their impact on helping people to move into work. The 10p

reforms all also deliver tax cuts to hard-working low and middleincome families. The cut in the basic rate of income tax, which the authors do not model, will also reward work and ensure that working families are better off. The overall effect of this package, before any increase in employment is taken into account, is to make working families with children better off by an average £740 a year, and more for lowpaid working families. The net effect will be to reduce child poverty by

The report's findings show that making work pay will also have a significant effect on people moving into work, cutting the bills of economic failure, and so helping even more people to become better off and more independent. Tackling unemployment and persistent poverty in the modern labour market demands new policies based on state-of-the-art research and analysis. That is what this Government is now delivering.

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News Analysis: It may be an American import, but investors here are pouring billions into UK corporate bonds

Companies switch from equity to debt

CORPORATE BONDS, an established method of finance for US companies; have become the lat- end of 1998 - an annual growth est American innovation to rate of almost 28 per cent. make it big on this side of the pond. In a marked departure from the past, barely a day is going by at the moment without some UK plc tapping the debt

Royal Bank of Scotland, Lloyds Bank and Wessex Water are just a few of the big British names to have turned to this less traditional form of finance in recent weeks. The capitalisation of Corporate Bond Index rose from £14bn in 1991 to £100bn by the

CORPORATE BONDS TAKE OFF

Institutional investors can't get enough of these corporate bond issues. Recent research by the investment bank, Credit Suisse First Boston, calculates that UK institutions have been ploughing in record amounts. As the first chart shows, institutional investment in corporate bonds took off dramatically last year. Average investment per quarter topped £4bn, far higher the Barclays All Stocks Sterling than the £1bn per quarter that characterised the early 1990s. Experts are reluctant to dis-

miss this explosion in corporate bonds as a mere fad, and say there are key influences of both demand and supply that should ensure that debt becomes an increasingly important source of finance for British business.

Phil Adams, an analyst at Barclays Capital, said: "There will be more and more appetite for, and more and more need to invest in, corporate bonds." As far as institutional demand

is concerned, the search for higher returns from investments has kick-started interest in the corporate bonds. Most analysts seem agreed that the world economy is moving into an era of relatively low inflation, an environment which typically favours bonds, not equities. Add to this the impact of the global economic slowdown on the outlook for the purely wrotes - and hence dividend growth - as well as the heady heights reached recently by some of the world's leading equity indices such as the Dow Jones, and it's not difficult to understand why overreliance on equities is making investors nervous.

Doubts about the sustainability of equity returns typicalprompt a surge in interest in UK government bonds, or gilts. Over the past year or so, however, as the second chart shows, investors' interest in gilts has ailed away to virtually nothing, for a number of related reasons. To start with, the healthy

osition of the Government's

finances has reduced projections for public borrowing and has meant that gift sales over the

A key demographic change behind the trend is that ageing baby boomers near retirement prefer the safety of bonds to more volatile stocks

lower than the levels to which the markets have become accustomed. This drying-up of supply. combined with the litters about equity returns and the general surge in risk aversion that accompanied the financial market chaos of last autumn, has pushed gilt prices sky high and sent yields to near-record lows.

The net effect of all this has been to prompt institutional investors to search out alternative sources of income. Corporate bonds fit the bill nicely. Their returns are relatively high, especially since last September's "flight to quality" widened the spread between yields on ultra-US Treasury bonds and other

next few years are likely to be far equity-gilt study, an annual surmy of asset returns, revealed that between 1991 and 1998 the real returns from corporate bonds averaged 13.15 per cent a year, marginally lower than the 13.47 per cent return oo equities and significantly ahead of real gilt returns at 11.75 per cent. Even when adjusted for differing

> gilts, according to the rescard. Demographic change is another explanation for the booming institutional demand for corporate bonds. Gerald Holtham, chief strategist at Norwich Umon Investment Manbeginning to approach retirement age. The nearer their re-

> tirement, the more likely are

levels of risk, corporate bonds

still consistently outperform

policyholders to switch from more volatile investments such as equities to less volatile ones such as bonds. And the relative scarcity of government bonds means that corporate bonds, once again, are the investment

Mr Holtham said: "The popularity of corporate bonds is not just a fad. There are real structural factors behind it."

Demand has list bean influenced by a number of government-led legal changes. Changes in the ACT rules for pension funds make it more attractive for the institutions to invest in bonds rather than equities. The surge in demand for corporate bond PEPs before they are replaced by ISAs this week has also been a contribu-

Changes in the tax regime have an impact upon the supply of corporate bonds, too, in particular, the abolition of ACT makes debt finance more tax-efficient for companies than equity finance. But perhaps the biggest factor behind the increase in corporate bond issuance is changes in institutional attitudes.

Institutional shareholders are less and less willing to tolerant mellicinst uses of capital, UK. companies, which typically are far less geared than their US counterparts, are under growing pressure to use their balance sheets efficiently.

Mr Adams said: "Traditionally, the UK companies have had less debt, and have been seen as more risk-averse than companies in the US. Now, however, that's all changing."

also changing their attitude towards the UK stock market. Smaller quoted companies - in fact, most companies outside the FTSE 100 - are finding it more difficult to raise money on the equity markets, thanks to a range of factors such as the boom intracker funds. So, rather than struggle with equity finance, a growing oumber of

to the debt markets. Record levels of issuance. record levels of institutional investment - there is no doubt that corporate bonds have caught on in Britain. And thanks to some fundamental shifts in demand and supply, corporate bonds like many other US trends that have found favour this side of the Atlantic – look here to stay.



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New sectors put London into line with Europe

IT'S ALL change for the stock market sectors. After a first test last Thursday, this week sees the full-blown trial of the biggest reshuffle in the index's classification since 1993.

Red-eyed traders coming back to their desks after the Easter holiday will bave to adapt to a completely different stock-market landscape. After months of consultation, FTSE International, the company that runs the index, has decided to respond to investors' requests for a European-style classification with a series of radical reforms. The changes will help pave the way to a pan-European exchange and will enable market players to choose stocks on a sector, rather than on a country basis.

The main sector groupings will increase from seven to ten to mirror the structure of the FTSE Eurotop, the index of leading European stocks. The most interesting new entry is the Information Technology group, introduced after much prompting from lovers of the high-flying IT stocks, such as Misys and Sage.

The new hi-tech sector will be split into two smaller entities. Hardware and Software. The latter will include an Internet sub-sector, a suitable receptacle for the recent online bubble, although non-pure Internet plays such as the rampaging Dixons will not be

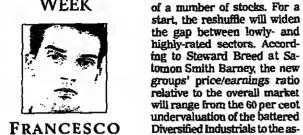
The division that is likely to raise most evebrows occurs in the consumer goods and services sectors. The two groups have been subdivided into cyclical and non-cyclical stocks. Given investors' present aversion to anything that smacks of cyclicality and "boom-andbust" rollercoasters, several companies will be dismayed at baving had the "cyclical" tag slapped on them.

For example, Marks & Spencer will cringe at the idea of being branded "a cyclical service", together with a bunch of leisure and restaurant companles exposed to the vagaries of the economy. The department tailer sensitive to swings in consumer spending, but its recent sales growth has been steady and consistent, this year's setbacks apart. Defining M&S as "cyclical" is also at odds with its status as one of the UK's premier blue chips, which accounts for a sizeable portion of that epitome of stability. the

FTSE 100. In other instances, the cyclical/non-cyclical distinction seems a sourious one. Clothes chains are rightly classified as cyclical stocks, while food retailers - one of the classic defence stocks - are predictably considered non-cyclical.

But what about Tesco, and

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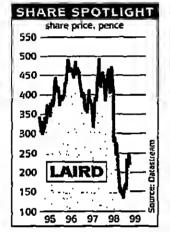


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to a lesser extent Asda, two food sellers that launched a determined drive to enter the clothes market, stocking branded jeans and shirts next to lettuce and tomatoes?

FTSE International seems to have got itself into a bit of a tangle over this cyclicality business. Determining the cyclicality of a stock is an investor's job, and the classification committee would have been better off letting punters and fund managers make up their own

The other important change is the disappearance of the alling oil exploration and production sector. After seven mixed years, the sector will be folded into the oil and gas group. The



beleaguered E&P minnows such as Lasmo and Enterprise will have to compete for investor attention with divered giants such as BP Ar and Shell.

The obvious reason for the demise of the exploration sector is to bring the UK into line with the rest of Europe, where there are no E&P groupings left. The key trigger, however, has been the fall in the number and performance of the drillers. When the sector started in late 1993, it included about 15 companies, but corporate activity tremember the takeovers of Goal, Clyde and Hardy?) and the collapsing oil price reduced its components to seven. They now have a combined market value of a mere £3bn, compared to BP Amoco's £101.7bn.

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Companies reporting and economics diary for the week ahead

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engineer with its 10 per cent

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BAe is more like a cheap Aero-

space and Defence stock,

thanks to its inclusion in the

mobile-phone components, is

another going from riches to

rags: 30 per cent overvalued in the electronic sector, 45 per cent

undervalued in the soaring

hardware sector. In the other di-

rection, poor old British Steel

is transformed from an under-

performing engineer into the

most expensive stock in the

new Steel & Other Metals

Laird, one of the few com-

panies on this week's results

schedule, is a test case for

classification enthusiasts. The

group is in the Auto Parts sec-

tor because its core products

are car body seals, even though

it also makes building tools.

Both markets were depressed

during the year and Laird's

profits are set to have slumped

by over 40 per cent to about

Silentnight beads a pack of

small retailers due to report fig-ures. The bed and mattress

maker has had a year of two

halves, with a strong start

wiped out by waning consumer

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ter. Still, Silentnight should be

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former should report a 10 per

cent slide in profits to around

£17m, while Oasis's numbers

will be up by around 25 per cent

week, economic events pro-

vide all the excitement. The

Bank of England meets this

week and analysts are predict-

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The European Central Bank

comes under the spotlight on

Thursday, although economists

are more evenly split on the

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THE PROFESSIONAL Golfers' Association (PGA) is suing a publishing company based in north London for planning a guide to the Ryder Cup without the PGA's permission.

The PGA bas been managing the European leg of the Ryder Cup golfing tournament since 1927. The PGA says that EMP Pic, of EMP House, Pembroke Road, north London, is planning to publish Bernard Gallacher's Definitive Guide to Ryder Cup 1999 in a way which is "calculated to deceive" the

The PGA and its promotional company, "The Ryder Cup Ltd", say they have the sole right to market the tournament. They say that on 5 February EMP issued a flyer to a third party. Golf Publishing Ltd. offering advertising space for sale in a planned publication called Ryder Cup 1999 without their approval.

The PGA claims that the flyer's heading was calculated to lead a substantial number of people to believe that the magazine was approved and endorsed by the PGA.

The PGA is seeking an injunction to prevent EMP from publishing the planned guide. It is also seeking damages and costs.

AN ACTION group representing more than 1,500 Equitable Life policybolders is seeking to widen its case against the insurance company over a dispute that involves at least 100,000 pensions clients and £4bn of assets, and which dates back over 30 years The Equitable Life Guar-

is backing a writ issued last week by Keith Summerside, who bought a pension from Equitable in 1988. The pension products under dispute promised savers a guaranteed rate of income from

anteed Annuity Action Group

to retire and buy annuities. However, since the time at which most of the policies were aken out, average annuity rates have fallen, threatening

their savings when they came

Equitable Life with huge liabilities if it were to pay out fully at the original, guaranteed rates. In order to lessen the impact

of this, Equitable Life used a clause in its Articles of Association to argue that it was allowed to change the value of the pension funds downwards. In practice this meant that the pensioners would end up being paid the same as if their annu-Ity rates had originally been set at current, lower rates.

This caused an outcry among policyholders, who claimed that they should bave been paid at the original, high-

budsman was going to rule on the matter. Theo Equitable Life decided to launch its own test case to clarify under law wbether it was allowed to vary these pay-out rates under its

Articles of Association or not. This case is due to come to court in July. But the action group is concerned that Equitable's legal test case is too narrowiy drawn, Hence Mr Summerside's writ, which includes a 10-page statement of claim that covers the entire his-

tory of his case in detail. The action group, which includes many pension Equitable Life's case or Mr Summerside's until October at the earliest,

dated 6 February 1995.

HEATHROW AIRPORT is try-

ing to evict The League for **Animal Welfare and Rescue** and two of the League's employees from an area of land just to the west of the airport. Heathrow says it let the land

at 1-4 Perry Oaks Drive, Stanwell Moor Road, Longford, West Drayton, to the League under a tenancy agreement

League and two individuals,

working address at Bedfont, just to the south of the airport. The airport says it terminated the tenancy agreement by letter on 22 March 1996 but the League has continued to occupy the land since then. It wants the land back.

A ROW has broken out in the world of British classic cars over who has the right to the name "Healey", the former manufacturer of sports cars such as the Austin-Healey 3000

and the Austin-Healey Sprite.
Healey Automobile Consultants Ltd of Queen Street, Leeds, is suing Brian Rayward and three of his companies based in Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire: Healey Sprite Motor Company, Healey Sprite Group and Healey

Sprite Trucks.
The Austin-Healey Sprite was built in the late 1950s and early 1960s. A small two-seater convertible, the Mark I Sprite was memorable for its "frogeye" beadlights, mounted on the top of the bonnet.

Healey Automobile is demanding that Mr Rayward's group of companies all change their names by dropping any reference to "Healey" or any other similar word.

The Leeds company is also seeking an injunction to stop Mr Rayward's firms from infringing their registered trade mark, and from selling any car parts or publishing any promotional material with the Healey

STILL ON the motoring side of things, McLaren International Ltd has taken legal action against the stores group WH Smith over drawings of the proposed new livery for McLaren's Formula One racing

McLaren are the current world "double champions", having won both the Formula One constructors' award and the driver's championship in 1998. One of their drivers, Mika Hakkinen of Finland, is the Formula One Grand Prix world champion. He is partnered by David Coulthard of Scotland. McLaren are favourites again for this year's world champi-

McLaren is seeking an injunction to stop WH Smith from infringing the racing team's copyright in a series of drawings of a proposed new The agreement was with the livery for the Grand Prix cars. It is understood that the draw-Last year the Pensions Om- not expect a ruling on either iday, who also have another zines distributed by WH Smith.

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Post Office earmarks £1.5bn for buying spree

THE POST OFFICE confirmed plans for a £1.5bn shopping spree for overseas companies in a bid to fend off growing international competition, earmarking eight companies it was

keen to approach.

The Post Office, owner of Royal Mail and Parcelforce. spent more than £300m buying German Parcel in January and wants to grow further. European postal groups are being forced to expand internationally by moves to liberalise the industry.

A Post Office spokeswoman said: "A wave of changes is taking place in the European market, with acquisitions and mergers. Internationally, we foresee a super league of five or six postal authorities, and the British Post Office is determined

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to be one of them. The acquisition of German Parcel was the first step, and we are certainly not going to stop there. There are eight targets on our radar."

The Post Office is seen as a late-corner to the consolidation. Deutsche Post has taken a stake in DHL, and the Dutch post office bought TNT. The spokeswoman confirmed that the Post Office is keen to raise its stake in General Parcel, a related company to German Parcel.

Some consumer groups are expected to criticise the plans. saying the Post Office should be investing more in its existing UK postal services and keeping down costs to the public. Key to the Post Office's future

expansion will be a government White Paper, due soon, which is expected to grant freedom for the operation to be run more like a private company. Last year Peter Mandelson.

then trade and industry secretary, proposed to allow the Post Office to keep a bigger slice of its profits rather than return so much to the Treasury. It would also be allowed more leeway to huy overseas companies. In return, the Post Office's

monopoly on delivering letters costing less than £1 would be axed, while the operation would be governed by a new regulator.

European rivals have accused the Post Office of using income from the UK letters monopoly to bankroll its purchase of German Parcel.

IN BRIEF

Share trading on the Internet surges to record volumes SHARE TRADING on the Internet set a record pace in the

first quarter of this year, and online trading volumes rose by 30 to 35 per cent to around 450,000 trades a day from the fourth quarter, one of the industry's most influential analysts said yesterday.

The surge in online trading volumes came despite overall market volumes rising just under 5 per cent from the fourth quarter, analyst Bill Burnham of CS First Boston said in a research note. The rise means that Web brokers processed an average of 440,000 to 460,000 trades a day in the first quarter and continue to pick off market share from traditional brokers. Online trading volumes had risen by almost 40 per cent to a record 340,000 trades a day in the fourth quarter.

Emerging market worries grow

INVESTOR SENTIMENT towards emerging markets has weakened significantly in the latest quarter, according to a new survey. Half of fund managers were negative and 40 per cent neutral in their sentiment towards emerging markets, compared with 80 per cent neutral and only 20 per cent negative in the previous quarter, the Burson-Marsteller survey said. Investors blamed the devaluation of the Brazilian real and the weaker Chinese economy. But there were more favourable attitudes towards individual markets, including Korea, Mexico and Turkey.

Lucent buys software provider

LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES, the world'a largest telecommunications equipment maker, said on Monday it had agreed to buy Mosaix, a provider of customer management software. for \$145m (£89m). Mosaix's customer relationship management software creates a record of customer transactions, preferences and buying patterns - a key business tool in electronic commerce. It allows businesses to promote special products based on buying patterns that bave been identified by the software.

Alcatel completes \$2bn deal

ALCATEL, the French telecommunications group, yesterday completed its \$2bn (£1.2bn) acquisition of the US switch maker Xylan. The US company will be merged with an Alcatel subsidiary by the end of this month. The French company also completed the \$350m purchase of Assured Access Technology.

Elf to develop Iranian oilfield

ELF, the French oil group, yesterday teamed up with its Canadian rival. Bow Valley Energy, to develop an Iranian offshore oilfield. The two groups said they had signed a development cost is estimated at \$300m (£184m). Elf will

the Government to drop plans for a second state pension and boost the existing basic state pension. According to the firm. low earners would be better off if the Government shelved the SSP and increased the basic pension to over £75 a week.

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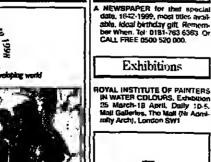
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Dixons likely to tighten its grip

THE SHAKE-OUT in the electri- BY NIGEL COPE cal retail sector is set to continue, according to a new report published today with large players such as Dixons likely to tighten their grip on the market.

The study, by Verdict, the retail consultants, predicts that the pressure on smaller chains and independent operators will increase, forcing some out of business and others into the arms of more powerful competitors.

Dixons dominates the sector. with a market share that has grown from 17 per cent to 27 per cent in five years. Its growth has been belped by the removal from the market of most regional such as Rumbelows.

electricity companies and rivals New product launches should give the sector a major boost as the millennium draws near, the report says. It suggests that Associate City Editor

digital technology, particularly in televisions, mobile phones and video games, will provide the biggest sales push. Most of the gain will come in the second half of this year, Verdict says. Consumer spending on elec-

trical goods grew 5.3 per cent last year, down from 1997's 6.3 per cent when spending was boosted by building society windfalls. The report criticised electrical retailers for failing to devel-

op exciting store concepts. There is very little to choose from between the specialists in terms of in-store environment or theatre. Despite the innovative and dynamic nature of the products, the retailers have consistently failed to translate these characteristics into their stores."

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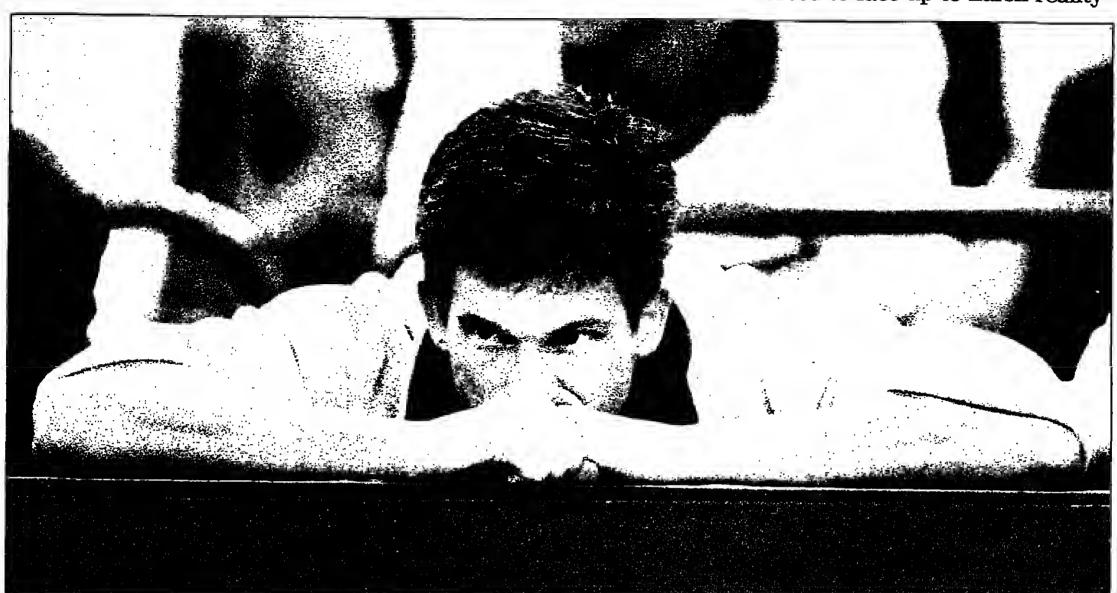
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Davis Cup: Tennis is the winner as valiant Henman and Rusedski are forced to face up to harsh reality



Tim Henman shares the tension of Britain's supporters as America's Jim Courier reaches matchpoint in the final rubber against Greg Rusedski at the National Indoor Arena

Lasting value of epic defeat

BY JOHN ROBERTS

BRITAIN'S PROSPECTS of winning the Davis Cup (a statement no longer to be greeted with derision) disappeared for the immediate future with the anguished gasps of 9,000 spectators in Birmingham's National Indoor Arena, and those of the millions who followed the dramatic marathon between Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski and the United States on television.

But the weekend's epic contest will be of lasting value if, as the American hero Jim Courier said: "This is the kind of match that gets a lot of kids out wanting to play tennis tomorrow."

The beauty of Birmingham, where a total of \$0,000 people were thrilled by virtually every point played, hour upon hour, was that it was not Wimbledon, the stately home of an élitist sport, hut an everyman venue that may inspire youngsters to take up rackets on the nearest available piece of ground, if such oases are still to be found. "Til be Tim, you be Greg." Rusedski, though close to tears

after losing to Courier, 8-6, in the fifth set of the fifth and final match of the tie, which gave the Americans victory 3-2, encapsulated the significance of the audience. "I think the thing that was nice is that you had such a diverse crowd," he said. "You had a mixture of kids there, from different backgrounds and stuff like that, rather than just having the regular people out there, which I think is important."

What they saw - along with 7.8m viewers, which BBC2 anticipate will be their biggest audience of the week -was proof that no matter how many millions Wimbledon pumps into the Lawn Tennis Association, and no matter how many indoor centres are huilt, and no matter how many coaching initiatives are tried, great players cannot be manufactured. They need to have the heart to succeed along with the skill and fitness

to produce winning shots. The combination was there in abundance and the 28-year-old



Home supporters fly the flag during Sunday's thrilling Davis Cup matches against the United States in Birmingham Allsport

four Grand Slam singles titles to his name, exemplified the nature of the contest. "We in the locker-room on our side all agree that this has been the highest level of tennis that we've been a part of at a Davis Cup tie, from start to finish," Courier said. "It was incredibly competitive and, really, just thrilling. This is as good

as it gets." Tom Gullikson, the United States captain, had been unable to persuade Pete Sampras, the world's greatest player, and Andre Agassi, the sport's higgest personality, to play, which was their loss, not his. "These guys," Gullikson said of Courier, Todd Martin and Alex O'Brien, "are the A team, they're America's team; they care, and they're here."

Turning to Courier, Gullikson

Courier a former world No 1 with said: "When he puts his game-face on, nobody has the mental focus that Jim has. Of all the players I've had the honour of sitting next to in Davis Cup, I think Jim mentally is

really the best." "Okay, Gully," a smiling Courier interjected, "you're revelling in the moment too much; don't get carried

While the Americans plan for a centenary match against Australia in Boston in July, Britain wait to see what Thursday's draw for the qualifying round brings in September. The eight first-round losers in the World Group join the winners in the Zonal Group 1 competition in a 16nation draw. The winners qualify for the World Group next year, and the losers participate in Zonal Group 1 competition.

years we get in that situation." said under the roof at Melbourne Park. David Lloyd, the British captain, "I The Aussies had reasoned that knew it was going to be a 50-50 call Britain's dread of clay would be a biglagainst the Americans), hut we ger factor than their own preference will fight another day, I can guarfor grass or concrete. Henman, who spent a total of 10 antee you that. The team are fantastic. They couldn't have done any hours and 44 minutes on the court. better, worked any harder or played

losing to Courier in the opening any hetter. It was just down to a few match, partnering Rusedski to success against Martin and 0'Brien in points here and there. It was really blood, sweat and tears, and it's sad Saturday's doubles and overcoming that one team had to lose. It hurts the 28-year-old Martin in four sets like hell. And it will hurt more to level the tie at 2-2 on Sunday, was tomorrow than it does now. But an animated spectator at the Rusedwe're young in this league." ski-Courier finale.

One of the chief concerns is that "At the level we play at now, it's not about taking part, it's about winning and losing," Henman said. Britain may be drawn away to one of the nations who play on slow clay courts, a surface anathema to "I'm sure a lot of people have had a British players. The irony is that a really amazing weekend watching some of the tennis, but from a playwin against the Americans would ing point of view it's all about winhave taken Britain to Australia, and "It's just very sad that after four the possibility of playing on clay ning. If we lose it's been a wasted

weekend and I think that's the harsh reality of it." Rusedski said he felt he let the

team down by not winning either of his singles matches, "It's nice to be close, but maybe only in bowls, not in tennis," he said. "I think definitely [Courier's] experience helped, but I should have been able to raise my standards slightly and tried to find a way to win.

It would be an understatement to describe Rusedski's performance against Courier as uneven. Alminutes. "I didn't let it bother me," being foot-faulted that many times. | week." but it didn't come at erucial points when I got broken."

Courier said he was nervous watching Martin play Henman. "I tried not to watch too much," he added. "As my match drew closer and closer, I kind of went more into myself and came out feeling really good. When I walked out on to the court I knew what I had to do and. if Greg could do better, that was going to be fine. I really felt calm, I really felt serene. And that's a good place for me to be in a situation like today, when you have a lot of people trying to get in your head.

"The fact was for most of the match I wasn't sniffing his serve. Eventually I hroke through. I had a lot of chances, and he came up with some great stuff. It was mentally a very strong effort for me."

Recrimination tends to follow defeat, however narrow the margin. On this occasion the British game needs to keep the event in perspective. Henman and Rusedski are the sum of the nation's tennis resources at the highest level, and the prospect of aspiring talent joining them, and taking their place sooner or later, can only be helped by the spectacular matches seeu in Birmingham.

"It's powerful," Lloyd said. "You can't huy what's happened out there. It was a fantastic atmosphere."

Winning is all in the mind for Duval

BY ANDY FARRELL

in Augusta, Georgia

UNTIL HE equalled the record low score of 59 on the US tour earlier this year, David Duval's most enjoyable round of golf, he says, came when he scored 20 shots more in the final round of the BellSouth Classic

"That 79 was so much fun," he said. "I was a 20-year-old college kid playing with Tom Kite in the final pairing. I set out with a chance to win the tournament, still had a chance to win after three or four holes and then fell apart. But 1 did see Tom make a lot of hirdies and win the tournament."

Seven years later, now not only a professional hut the best in the world, Duval won the same title for his 11th victory in his last 34 starts on the US tour. After his Players' Championship win the previous week, Duval has replaced Tiger Woods as both the world No 1 and the favourite for the 63rd US Masters, which starts on Thursday.

Typically, Duval Is unfazed. "It doesn't matter if I'm the favourite or not," he insisted, "If I'm the favourite or Tiger is the favourite, no one else in the field cares, so why should I?"

With more than \$2.5 million (£1.6m) earned this season, Duval became the first player since

TOMORROW

Brian Viner talks to the voice of golf, Peter Alliss

Johnny Miller in 1974 to win four times before the Masters. Trying to win three in a row is something he bas done before, late in 1997, albeit they came in a four-week span.

"I don't view it as intimidating." Duval said of the feat, "I think it is though he hit 3I aces, he double- I helpful to win the week before. It faulted I5 times and was foot-faulted | makes you think you are doing 12 times in the three hours and 47 | things right. I have the same chance to win as the other 90 players start-Rusedski said. "I went out and did ing this week. What happened in the my best with it. I can't remember | last two weeks has no bearing this

Blanking out the distractions is Duval's great strength, as it was of Jack Nicklaus. "I think my head is where it needs to be. I get abead of myself on the course like anyone else. But I don't do it a whole lot and I can get back to where I want to be when it happens.

"I don't think about technique on the course. Never have. I get ready to play and when the tournament starts, you go play: you don't think about mechanics. The thing I've found to he important for me to play well is to be rested, ready to play and looking forward to playing.

"It was a hard course to walk last week so the biggest thing I've got to do now is to rest up. In hindsight. making a trip here last month to see the changes to the course was very important because now 1 don't need to work so much this week."

Duval arrived at Augusta National yesterday only to register and will probably not play a practice round until tomorrow. Meanwhile, one of the traditions of Masters week, a dinner for overseas players and officials, was cancelled and replaced by a cocktail party last night. Given the state of most of the Europeans' games, the Augusta members probably wanted to avoid a long, depressing evening.

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Scotland can take a bow before final curtain

WHAT HAS been a fascinating Five Nations' Championship is now within six days of its end. One match will be played in Paris on Saturday the other at Wembley on Sunday. This will be the first time this season that games have been staggered in this way, though at the beginning it was announced in various handbooks that more international weekends would be Saturday-Sunday affairs, "subject to arrangements".

Quite why the arrangements broke down I do not know. But a Saturday-Sunday rugby weekend is, as far as I am concerned, preferable to an elongated Saturday afternoon, with one match starting at 2.15 (or whenever) and the other two hours or so later to satisfy the de-



ALAN Watkins

When the Five Nations go up to six with the accession of Italy, the competition will consist of 15 matches instead of the present 10. The solution I would have preferred with

countries - matches played on consecutive Saturdays with the last match on the last Saturday in April - is clearly going to be even less appealing to the authorities with six nations to accommodate.

Every Saturday between the beginning of January and the end of April would be taken up with an international encounter of some kind. So I foresee even more telescoping. with March and April becoming even more crowded months.

All this, however, is for the future. The most encouraging aspect of the season thus far is not so much that a good deal of enterprising rugby has been played as that it has happened at all. With the amount of bad blood sticking to assorted carpets mands of the television companies. the existing number of competitor- in Twickenham, Cardiff, Dublin and lar, we were over-impressed by this match but they deserved to

there was not a battle between In a way this was foolish. The won if Castaignéde had not, so to day in what we old journalists have English and Celts resulting in the withdrawal of England from the competition - much as the English clubs petulantly withdrew from the European Cup. though they have now rejoined.

As things have turned out, however, everyone, or almost everyone, has won. And almost everyone must have a prize of some kind. Of the four home countries, three can afford to congratulate themselves.

The team that cannot exercise this indulgence are. alas, Ireland. I have read that we simply overestimated them. We swallowed the talk about their having the best front five in the competition. In particu-

province had only a handful of representatives in the national side though, arguably, they should have had more, notably the unjustly discarded Simon Mason. In another way, it was sensible, because Ulster, however under-represented they may have been in the national side, undoubtedly increased

national morale - on the rugby field, at any rate, if nowhere else. Despite the subsequent win over Wales. Ireland's season really went when David Humphreys missed the penalty which followed Thomas Castaignede's successful effort only seconds before.

France did not deserve to win

speak, done a Humphreys in the other disappointment of the season, lucky and lackadaisical against Ireland, demoralised against England, inspired only against Wales.

Even though they may win against Scotland in Paris on Saturday, the Scots are undoubtedly the team of the season. They were 50-1 at the start. Now - if they heat France, and Wales beat England the next day - they are possible winners of the championship over England on points difference. After Scotland, the second team who can congratulate themselves are Wales. And the third are England.

Paul Ackford, the former Eng- ited - I shall be cheering them on.

Edinburgh, it was surprising that Ulster's win in the European Cup. draw with Wales. They would have land international, wrote the other been hrought up to call another closing seconds. They have been the newspaper, that be would not mind in the least if England won by eight penalties from Jonny Wilkinson to three converted tries - or, presumably, by two penalties to one unconverted try.

On this occasion, bowever, Wales will have their own Wilkinson in the form of Neil Jenkins. If he, rather than an erratic Kenny Logan, bad been doing the kicking for Scotland at Twickenham they would have heaten England, too.

l am not putting money on my native land at Wembley but - not being in the press seats this time, where encouragement is properly prohib-

Reid and Bradley injured

BY RICHARD EDMONDSON

FAIRYHOUSE HAS always sounded a rather dilettante location for a race of dread which the British have never appropriated easily. So it was yet again in the Irisb Grand National yesterday when the travellers were swept away as the home combatants fought out a compelling finish.

Glebe Lad was the animal to lead the parade home, fending off the well-timed challenge of Feathered Leader to collect the contest on a third occasion for his trainer, Michael O'Brien. The other man on the podium was the jockey, Tom Rudd.

"I had a lovely run all the way," the rider reported. "He pinged the third last and we were probably in front a bit too soon, but once he was challenged at the last he picked up on landing and went away for

O'Brien, wheelchair-bound, witnessed developments from his home, which at least en-

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Royal Castle (Wetherby 2.20) NB: Tremalit (Uttoxeter 3.30)

sured he got more of the action than those at the Co Meath track. There were Norman Collier-type interruptions to both the course commentary and large screen transmission from repeated power failures.

Manus The Man, like Glebe Lad one of five 8-1 co-favourites, finished third, and Risk Of Thunder was shaken and stirred into fourth place for his owner, Sean Connery.

The limping British were represented best by Full Of Oats, who came home seventh, two places in front of Druid's Brook, Celtic Giant, the Fulke Walwyn/Kim Muir Chase winner from the Cheltenham Festival, was rather less huge in this company, while Rightsaidfred actually headed the field for several glorious strides but came to earth three fences out. His jockey, Graham Bradley, was taken to Blanchardstown Hospital with a suspected fractured collar-bone and associated shoulder injury.

There was damage done too at Kempton where John Reid



The Irish Grand National field take a fence on the first circuit at Fairybnuse with the winner. Glebe Lad (3rd left), in rear

hroke his right leg in a fall from Dower House in the Magnolia Stakes. The chestnut colt had travelled just two furlongs when a stirrup-iron on his equipment broke. "John has definitely broken his leg and is still in casualty [at Ashford Hospital] waiting to see a registrar," Joy, the jockey's wife, said. "Being a Bank Holiday, the hospital is very busy and it is a very stressful time. He didn't lose consciousness but be is in a lot of pain."

Jimmy Fortune will remember the meeting more

Fortune, who has a second retainer for the Whatcombe yard supporting his contract with Robert Sangster, won the valuable Rosebery Stakes on Carry The Flag. Bravery favoured Fortune as he kicked on with two furlongs to go, poaching enough ground to help him stave off the flourish of the old man of the field, Rokeby Bowl.

Back in third was Monsajem, who had been due to be partnered by Reid. He instead was the mount of Olivier Peslier, who later paid for his duty frees with a double initiated by

in the sprint handicap before Frippet, an Oaks entry, made a winning debut in French hands.

A large field is also guaranteed for Saturday's Grand National, though it will be hy no means a record herd thundering across the Aintree plain. A total of 36 were confirmed yesterday and, while none of the leading fancies were taken out. there were some notable names struck from the list.

Rough Quest, the 1996 winner of the race, will be absent, as will be the ever-popular (as every grey seems to to labelled; fondly for the way he broke his duck for Paul Cole's stable. Passion For Life. The gelding Senor El Betrutti. "He's okay made all and repelled 22 rivals hut he won't be in the Nation-

al this year." Terry Casey, the former's trainer, revealed. "But he will definitely run at Liverpool. He is in both the Foxhunters' and John Hughes Chase. He's also in the Whitbread."

The Senor may also be seen on Merseyside. "It [the ground] is just not going to come right in time for him to run in the National," Susan Nock, the gelding's trainer said. "I'm a bit disappointed as he looked to have a good weight, but to run him would be a waste of a race. He is still in on Thursday [for the Martell Cupl and I just hope that the ground dries out on the Mildmay course."

If the going does not dry up considerably then Avro Anson will also be an absentee. The 11year-old was sixth in the National in 1997 but defected from last season's race because of the soft going. Considering the weather forecast, his connections may have to take a similar course of action this year The jump jockey Guy Upton. 32, announced his retirement at Wincanton yesterday. "I've yet to tell my other half, Sophie [Mitchell], who is riding at Market Rasen." Upton said. "I've had 16 enjoyable years, riding over 200 winners. Memberson

was the best Fve ridden,"

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VERDICT: Betters could well transform Lord Darcat, who is raided to be lower over hurdies then lences. However, it is hard to guess from he will preform in his first out-ing over hurdies for over four years and CORAL ISLANO kods fro value has two not had the facility ground he needs this season and has drapped to a hundy mark in an handlean.

Moiava en vogue as Bionic defects

MOIAVA IS the new favourite for the 1,000 Guineas following the defection through injury of Bionic at the weekend. Moiava will make ber seasonal debut in Friday's Prix Imprudence at Maisons-Laffitte Moiava's task at Newmarket may be simplified by news that Mother Of Pearl may miss the Guineas.

Mujahid remains the favourite for the 2,000 Guineas, although news from Newmarket suggests there may may be plenty of money in the next week for Enrique. Henry Cecil's colt is impressing in his work with the older Bold Fact. Killer Instinct and Ballet Master, Cecil's other 2,000 possibles, are also reportedly working well.

Daliapour, Luca Cumani's Derby candidate, has also been catching the eye at Newmarket and is another who can be expected to shorten in the betting, if only because be was touted as a good bet for the Derby in racing's trade press over EastANTE-POST UPDATE

By IAN DAVIES

er, a remark which also applies to Commander Collins and Dubai Millennium (2,000), Moiava (1,000) and Ebadiya (Oaks). Glamis, winner of the Stanmore Stakes at Kempton, has

shortened in the Derby betting.

Double Thriller remains the

absurdly short-priced favourite for the Grand National Bearing in mind that Rough Quest. following his superb second to Imperial Call in the 1996 Cheltenham Gold Cup which made him a a handicap snip for that year's National off 10st 7lb. started 7-1 on his big day, no one should rush in to take 9-2 about a horse which finished a tired 32 lengths fourth to See More Business - just 31/2 lengths in front of Addington Boy, who is 1lb better off on Saturday - in this year's renewal.

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1-2'SP KENDAL CAVALIER (83) H Hawks 9y0 9st 71 b	20-1	25-1	25-1	25-1	20-1
SSP3 NAHTHEN LAD (25) Mrs. J. Pirman 10yo 9st 7lb	16-1	14-1	14-1	14-1	14-1
1,0-40 MUDAHSM (42) P Hobbs (3yo 9st 6lb	66-1	100-1	50-1	65-1	80-1
5-22FP SAMLEE (103) (C) P Hobbs 10yo 9st 4b	40-1	40-1	40-1	40-1	40-1
0541 BOBBYJO (24) T Carberry (ki) Syo Sst	25-1	20-1	20-1	25-1	20-1
6110 LINDEN'S LOTTO (25) (C) (BF) A J Martin (irt) 10yo 9st	33-1	40-1	66-1	40-1	504
STIGT BETTY'S BOY (25) K Bailey toyo 8st 15to	25-1	33-1	23-1	33-1	33-1
200-P BRAVE HIGHLANDER (38) J GMord Tryo Bri 15th	40-1	86-1	86-1	40-1	66-1
BLUE CHARM (26) (C) Mrs S Bradburne Ryo Bst (20)	50-1	86-1	40-1	100-1	50-1
3-6F4 COMMERCIAL AFFIST (21) D McCain 19yo Bet 11lb	100-1	600-1	200-1	200-1	50-1
IACOB FRAZER ISLAND (25) A Powe 10yo 8st 11lb	50-1	100-1	100-1	100-1	80-1
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4P-240 STRONG CHARMAN (25) P Natural Byo Bat (8b)	6E-1	100-1	50-1	65-1	66-1
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ST2350 CAVALLERO (21) (C) H Manners 10yo 6 st 56	66-1	86-1	50-1	40-1	50-1
13-P40 CASTLE COSN (29) J Howard Johnson 7yo 7st 19b	100-1	200-1	200-1	100-1	200-1
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19734 FEELS LIKE GOLD (36) (BF) N Richards Hya 7st 12b	100-1	150-1	100-1	65-1	150-1
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114-	ENTROUE H Cool 3yo 9st	9-1	7-1	7-1	10-1	8
2.	KELLER INSTINCT H Cool 3yo 9st	16-1	8-1	8-1	7-1	8
1.	BALLET MASTER H Cock 3yo 9st	12-1	12-1	12-1	12-1	12
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3.50 Scottnn Green (nb) 2.20 Royal Castle 2.50 Spaniah Light 4.20 Trade Dispute 4.50 CORAL ISLAND (nap)

GOING: Good (Good to Pirm in places, watering).

Ill Left-hand oval circuit. Run-in of 200yde slightly upful.

Ill Course is NE of town on 81224 near junction of A58 and A1 ADMISSION: Oub £13 (accompanied onder-16s free); Tattersalls £19; Course £3 (OAPS £150) or £10 por car with up to four adults. Accompanied under-16s free. CAR PARKS Free.

FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

Ill LEADING TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley 40-193 (20.7%), T Easterby 32-144 (22.2%).

Mrs S Smith 19-11 (171%), O Nicholson 17-73 (21.5%), M W Easterby 14-120 (11.7%).

Ill LEADING JOCKEYS: L Wyer 45-188 (24.5%), P Niven 33-156 (21.2%), A Dobbin 22-129 (171%), R Guest 19-86 (22.1%), A Maguire 17-87 (19.5%), R Garritty 16-140 (11.4%).

Ill FAVOURITES: 207-457 (42.5%).

III FAVOURITES: 207-457 (425%). TIINGUE STRAP: Aginor (220). Ballydavid (220). Last Try (250), Jack Yests (250), Dueanaway (250), Microsoghty Mon (250), Bakkar (320), Tekearnemo (320), BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Royal Crimson (250): Lord Dorcet (450).

2.20 BENFIELD FORD NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) \$4,000

Įι		edded 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £3,436
ļı	11	FULLOPEP (190) (Nr & Mrs W J Williams) Mrs M Flaveley 5 to 12 Mr A Demposy
2		FOREVER HOBLE (32) (Mrs F C Ratter) O Sherwood 6 TI 6 A McCentry
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ŀ		ROYAL CASTLE (10) (Mrs & Cross & M Sokal) M Tomplors 5 11 0 A Maguire
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		DELAYED REACTION (45) (A Milner) M Sowersby 4 10 7
ļ		HAPPY DAYS (25) IJ W Berrett) D Median 4 10 7
1		LE SAUVAGE (29) (Ebor Portnership) D Barker 4 10 7
		NORTHDAY (POL) (41) NV S Wingrith M Sowersby 4 10 7 D Byrme
		SILVER SPIDER (39) (P Lamyman) Mrs S Lamyman 4 10 7 R Femant
1 2	2	APPIR SPIRIT (PBD) (Mrs B Ramoden) R Hofirehead 4 to 2 S Durack
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BETTING: 5-2 Royal Castle, 3-1 Forever Mobie, 5-1 Fullopep, 7-1 Aginor, 16-1 Westerton, 12-1 For-midable Partner, 14-1 Saver Home, Northday, Beau Brummio Boy, 16-1 others 1998: Supreme Genotin 9 11 û M A Fragerald 4-9 tan IJ Ckil) 7 ran

FORM GUIDE
Fullopop: Flat winner (1 km), made all to win twice over 2mH at Sedgefield in the autumn. First run since September and double penanty makes him one to oppose Forever Noble: Won over 2m (good to soft) in November Showed he stays this trip when 2md to Kings Boy at Doncastet (2 km, good to soft) in January and should not be for average.

when 2nd to Kings Boy at Doncaster (21/m, good to soft) in January and should not be far away Westerton: Sedgefield (2m1), good to soft) where in October and has since shown form in better company. Probably needed first run for 3 months when 4th at Newcastle on first attempt at this tip in Pebruary. Aglinor: Won twice last Flat season for Henry Cecil, Not the best of jumpers, but ran his best race so far when 3rd at Catterick (2m, good) in December. First run since, but asset up in the should suit.

Battydamid: Rehms to murdles after 3 disappointing efforts over tences. Only form this season when 15% lengths 4th to Cathedral Belle at Sedgefield (2m5), good to firm) in September. Much tougher task here.

Beau Brummile Boy: Has shown some ability in bumpers, but soon behind when pulled up both outings over hurdles on soft ground. This better going may help Citiford Bay: Pulled up on hurdles debut here (2m7), good) in December and weakened 4 out when last of 7 to Sail On Sid at Cartisle (21/m, soft) last month, so needs to show dramable improvement.

Formidable Partmer: Modest form in nonce events earlier in the season, appears to stay this rip. but always behind when pused up before 2 Out at Warwick (21/m, good to soft) last time.

good to soft) last time Open Felloway: Unplaced 2 bumpers in 1997. Promising 2nd to Native Affair on reop-pearance at Catterick in December, but looked one-paced when 4th next time and

yal Castle: Won twice on the Flat (11/am & 11/am) in 1997. Looked a strade unaucky se disqualified on his hurdle debut at Felsenham (21/am, good to soft) in January, to Majesty at Newbury (2m, good to firm) (soft month: Worth another chance wer Howe: Placed just once from 14 outings over jumps. Unlikely to make much Impression tiere William Rufus: Rezums to hurdles eiter 3 unsuccessful outings over fances. Little chance on what he has shown so far and stable have not had a winner for over 5

months
Alisae: Has shown some ability in bumpers, but outpaced at halfway and soon be-hind when 10th of 22 on hurdle debut at Newcastle (2m, soft) last month
Gem Of Holly: Poor form in bumpers and showed little aptitude for jumping on hur-dle debut at Newcastle (2m, soft) last month when tailed off 8th of 10 behind One

Delayed Reaction: Fixt winner over 11/sm (good) last season, Better effort on 2nd outing over hurdes when 5th to Caldamus at Sedgefield (2m5), good) in February, but needs to show more improvement. Happy Days: Doubtful runner

neppy resys: busine retrieved from the complete pressure when 8th to Gold-legstruckets on hurding debut at Musselburgh (2m, good) last month and steps up in class
Northday: Winner on Flat in Poland, Made mistakes when 3rd of 9 to Christianisted
on first run over hundles at Doncester (2":m. good to him) in February
Silver Spider: Poor maden on Flat, Lost touch from hallway others tailed off 11th of
12 on hundle debut at Market Rasen (2m11, soft) in February
April Spirit: No form in 4 outings on turf and AW, Tailed off 6th of 7 on latest start

VERDICT: ROYAL CASTLE was rated 15to interior to Aginor on the Flet, but the former has taken much better to jumping. Mark Tompkins five-year-old was disqualified for interference after beating Birtigal a head at Fakenham in January and then ran the useful Majesty to a head at Newbury. He should gain some well deserved

2.50 MARK COCKER HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 2m Penalty Value £3,353

1998: Price Cf Saints 7 to 1 R Garmay 9-4 fav IM Hammond) 8 ran

FORM GUIDE Spanish Light: Clute useful novoe in 19936, but mainly disappointing last 2 seasons. Needs last ground and first outing since finating 4th to The Earls at Haydock

(Zm. soft) in November

Last Try: Consistent sort, kept on one pace when 4th to Damza at Cattenck (Zm., good) in December and 3th better off for 31/4 langths with Minster (Gory Cnd)

Bettery Fired; Best on tast ground, so last 3 runs can be ignored. Finished well when 2nd to Biye at Bangor (Zm11, good) in October, but 10th worse off for a head with Spanish Light (3rd).

Royal Crimeon: Wor 2 novice chases last season and belated Passonal debut when 4th to Monyman, Minster Glory and Another Red at Newcestle (Zm. soft) last month. Showed come on for the run and bindered first time. Minster Glory: Front-runner, acts on any going and had Another Red (4th better in) it lengths back in 3rd when 2nd to Monyman at Newcestle (Zm. soft) fast time allesinghumst Flyer; Hes won 3 times over tences (all on right-hand courses) this season, but was hucky once. First race since Occamber whon first fence taker at Unicetted last time, so may need run.

season, but was horly once. First rate since December whon that hance daket at Unitable talks time, so may need not under all callstee Ex-Inch chaser, first sign of form this season when 3rd to Junez River at Carlste 2rm, soft last month. Has been dropped this so looks on a handy mark. Queensway, Disappointing this season led until after 2 out when sin to Baleswholden at Sedgefield (2rm, good) or February and beaten 22 lengths by Another Red (2nd) Another Red; Otton makes frame, but has not won since September 1997 Beaten it lengths when 3rd to Mongraph and Minister Glory at Newcastie (2rm soft) last time Prince Stipburds Has yet to recapture from he showed in 1996. Stiff in with a Chance when blundered 2 out when 6th to Ealeswholden at Sedgefield (2rm good flast time Monaughtly Mark Poor chaser Has failed to complete in 7 of his 11 outnings this season and deman to extend his losing run which streams back over 4 years.

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VERDICT: Spanish Light is well in with Battery Fired, whose stable had two winners on Saturday but may need the run, so MINSTER GLORY can make highlaneas let He came up against a useful sort in Monyman at Newcastle last time and should again beat Another Red lithral and Royal Crimson (fourth).

3.20 TOTE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £8,000 added 2m 41 110yds Penalty Value £5,682

FORM GUIDE

Once More For Lucic Respectable 8th of 28 behind Sir Tattort at Chellenham fast time Plenty to do at weights, however, as he is 10th above his highest warring mark-lamation Flight: Front-numer, but has never won on a left-hand course over jumps. Won for the 6th brine at Planter Respectable 8th of 28 behind Sir Tattort at Chellenham fast won to the 6th brine at Planter Respectable (21th good to soft) in February Toked off behind Banton at Chellenham last month, but book in the right company. Baldwar: First race for 6 wooks when 5th to Fathalphur at Sedgefield (2mill, good) in February and meets Orize More for Luck (3rd) on 3b botter terms for 7 lengths. Not disgraded when instanced in Coral Cup at Chellenham. Can firmt in February Usually makes the numbring, but handcapper has raised him enother 36 Grooting; Dropped in class and odds-on when only 3rd in a claimer of Doncastar (2/im, good to soft) last month. Has not won over hundles sono October, 1995. Stoerism Mystics Won for a 6th Even mark at Chepstow (2/im, good to Soft) fast month. Has not won over hundles sono October, 1995. Returned from 3 month break to finish 3rd at Earston (2/im, good to Soft) fast month. Has not won over hundles sono October, 1995. Returned from 3 month break to finish 3rd at Earston (2/im) good to Soft). Taleasmento: Front-hundles winner (2mill soft) in February and the 1s more competitive No Glorenticker. Nowce hundle winner (2m5) good in soft) in Nevertiber of last peacon. Outst highly the dater that, has not no for owe a year and list in the in highly and VERIDICT. Once More For Luck can always be relead upon to be thereaboure. VERDICT: Once More For Luck can always be reled upon to be increations, but is too higher the weights dosaide being dropped 3th since his less run lan Williams' stable is corning back to form and this drying ground should suf TARA-BROGAN, who was have one to account the control.

3.50 WETHERBY LONG-DISTANCE NDVICE HANDICAP CHASE (C) 28,000 added 3m 5f Penalty Value £5,842

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2.00 Big Atoll 2.30 Tombola 3.00 Hurricane Andrew 3,30 Tremalit 4.00 Davoski 4.30 Oriental Style 5.00 Kasid

GOING: Good to Soft (Soft in places).

Left-hand course. Run-in at 170yds.

Course a SE of town near B5017. Uttowater station (Derby-Crewe line) actions course. ADMISSION: Club £15 (OAPs £12): Tattersalls £10 ECOURSE OF SECTIONS NEAR BEOTY, Utilizater station (Derby-Crewe line) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Club £15 (CAPs £12): Tattersalis £10 (CAPs £7); Centre of course £5. CAR PARIC: Free.

FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

ELEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe \$2-118 (271%), D Nicholson 24-110 (218%), K Balley 30-106 (183%), O Sherwood 19-63 (30.2%),

ELEADING JOCKEYS: A PidcCoy 33-120 (275%), N Welliamson 23-126 (183%), R Dunovoody 22-113 (19.5%), R Johnson 21-158 (13.3%),

EAVOURITES: 272-710 (38.3%),

TONGUE STRAPS: Andermati (2.30), Deel Cusy (3.00), A Suitable Girl (3.00), Mr Morterty (4.00), Oriental Boy (4.30), Rare Occurance (4.30), BunkCered (5.00).

BLINKCERED FIRST TIME: Red Parade (2.30), Baytine Star (3.00), Down Lad (3.00), Streen Song (4.00), Medium Weve (5.00), Moostralding (visored, 5.00). Destruction of the property of the control of the c

2.00 SPOTON NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m

FORM VERDICT An open race, it would be unwise to read too much into the fact that fony McCoy partners Leading Note rather than the Martin Pipe-trained Ron's Round, who is usually Stave Wynne's rice. The letter should go well, but preference is for BIG ATOLL, who is built to carry his big weight. Barton Scamp is another with useful claims of making the frame.

2.30 MOUNT ARGUS HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H) 52,000 added 2m 7f

- 16 declared -BETTING: 8-13 Tombola, 9-2 Secret Bay, 7-1 Desperate, 16-1 Cassieroyal, Kancel-skis, 14-1 Willchris, Säver Stick, 16-1 Brambiehill Buck, Andermeit, 25-1 others

FORM VERDICT With the ground expected to be softer than ideal for Castleroyal and Secret Bay this looks a good opportunity for the up-and-coming TOMBOLA - representing the Castle Mane combination of Caroline Balley and Ben Pollock - to continue his climb up the ledder.

3.00 DRAUGHT BASS SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS G) \$2,500 added 3m

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Minimum weight: 10st. True it cap weights: Fasteria Gold Set 12th, Not An Inch Set 12th. BETTIME: 11-4 Ton Pinch, 5-1 Satcotino, 7-1 Feetfel Gold, 6-1 Mr Pertupp, Hur-ricane Andrew, 10-1 Deel Curry, Not An Inch, 12-1 May Sument, The Flying Doc-tor, Titan Thai, 16-1 others. FORM VERDICT Faw that appeal in a poor race. Mr Pericupp is capable of a bold dis-play but will need to jump a lot better than last time. It can pay to take a chance on FASTINI GOLD, who has similar prospects to flom Pinch using Wren Wartler as a yerdstick and should be each-way with. Titian That has an obvious chance if the visor works as well as it did last

3.30 SCANNER APPEAL HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) 26,000 added 2m 4f

BETTING: 9-4 Fremailt, 3-1 Yankie Lord, 7-2 Kings Cherry, 6-1 Even Stue, 10-1 Seymourswift, 12-1 Neikir, Tight Fist, 14-1 Hzerallan Sam, 16-1 others FORM VERDICT Granted a clear round, TREMALLT, who goes from strength to strength, will be hard to beat, His completion rate is a worry. Yankie Lord is the main danger.

7-1 Specialize, 8-1 Amercius, I'm Maggy, 16-1 others FORM VERDICT A run-of-the-mili handicap in which RARE OCCURANCE has an obvious chance. Dovetto looks like a horse who would prefer a more galloong track but I'm Maggy may yet do better over tences 5.00 CAFFREYS IRISH ALE MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 edded 2m 02002 SMOKING GUN (17) W Jenks 6 11 4 CORPUS CHRISTI (F518) Mass V Williams 4 10 12 . . . S Kelly (5) 55 KASID (38) C Menn 4 10 12 53 RHAPSODY IN BLUE (10) A Tunel 4 10 12 4 KUSTOM KIT KATE (F11) S R Bowing 4 10 7

4.00 SCANNER APPEAL HANDICAP HURDLE

 9 declared -BETTING: 9-4 Devoció, 11-4 Kino's Cross, 8-1 Siren Song, 8-1 Get The Point, King-dons Emperer, 16-1 Tenka, 14-1 Mr Mortarty, Samanici, 16-1 Shu Gaa.

FORM VERDICT

The key factor is how much this season's exertions have taken out of

4.30 CJ PEARCE NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) 26,000 added 2m 5f

| March | Marc

DAYOSKI but on earlier form he does look the one to best. San goes well here and could run well at a decent price.

F-1221 ORIENTAL BOY (31) (D) R Lee 7 tl 10 ______

(CLASS C) £7,000 added 2m

1F4223 TONKA (46) (D) D Gandoto 7 10 3 ...

- 16 declared -BETTING: 7-4 Orsuno, 5-1 Magillen, 6-1 Medium Wave, 7-1 Jambo Bwans, 8-1 Wurlitzer, 18-1 Mennolito, Moonraking, 12-1 Rhappooly in Ellus, Corpus Christi, 16-1 others FORM VERDICT

ORSUNO looks the pick on form but keep an eye on both Wurfitze and Jembo Bwana for future races.

SOUTHWELL

2.10 Tess 2.40 Amber Jasmine 3.10 Seven 3.40 Garnock Valley 4.10 Breteche 4.40 Chalcedony GOING: Standard: STALLS: Inside except 5f - outside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Maddle to low best for 5f, low best for 7f.

Fibresand surface; left-hand sharp, ovel course.

Course is 3m SE of town and 5m W of Newark, Rolleston Junction adjoins course. ADMINSHON: Club £12: Entereals £6 (OAP Diamond Club £4, accompanied under 16s free). CAR PARK: Free.

FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

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LEADING TRAINERS: J L Eyre 44-319 (138%). M Johnston 43-223 (123%). S R Bowring 43-395 (109%). Mrs N Maceuley 40-348 (115%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: J Quinn 47-526 (89%). J Weaver 38-234 (162%). L Chemock 36-395 (91%). G Duffield 33-234 (141%).

FAVOURITES: 502-1483 (338%).

LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: Treasure Cove (2:10) and Highland Spice (2:40) travel 264 miles.

TONGUE STRAP: Exalt (2:10), The Stager (3:10), Breteche (4:10), Breteche (visored, 4:10), Breteche (visored, 4:10).

Breteche (visored, 4.10), 2.10 KING ARTHUR MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,000 added 3YO 7f

- 10 declared -BETTING: 11-10 Tess, 7-4 New Victoria, 8-1 Dismond Blush, 10-1 Ico Pack, 20-1

mbrian Blue, Treesure Cove, 25-1 Neughty But Nice, 50-1 others This is likely to resolve best into a Kuel between TESS, from the Barry Hills yard that won this race last year, and the Chappte-Hyam new-comer New Victoria. Preference is for the former, who has the advantage of experience and her brainer has been morphing up these weak maldens with his 3yos this year.

2.40 GALAHAD MAIDEN CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) \$2,800 added 5f 00/00- CRYSTAL LOUGH (330) N Tinkler 4 6 13.... 0000 CHTSTAL LEURSH (201) N INNER 16 18.

50000 GOLD CHANCE (14) G Churg 5 8 11.

50050 TILBURG (271) Ms N Mecauley 4 8 11.

000 BUSINESS WOMAN (243) M WEISSEN) 3 8 10.

000-26 AMBER JASSINES (265) PRISEMT 3 8 7.

060-6 FLYING MEMORY (18) N LEURODEN 3 8 8 .

0-0403 GOCHINOS (8) S C Williams 3 85 D Williams (7) 3 FORM VERDICT Rock-bottom stuff, AMBER JASMINE ran well twice on this surface in January and a reproduction of either of those efforts would suffice unless Gold Chance recaptured lest year's turf form.

3.10 PERCEVAL HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,000 added 1m

FORM VERDICT

There will be no more popular winner than course specialist Kingchip Boy, but he is facing a stiffer task than of rate and could have been boy, but he is locing a suring as of the and place are been better drawn. Killarnery Jazz is entitled to run him close on their form here last month, eithough he has not really delivered the year, while Franke Detton comes here for just the one ride on The Stager who clearly has to be respected. But with the form of last months C&D success of MUTAHADETH proving so solid, he is taken to bounce

3.40 LANCELO. 3.40 E3,000 added 7f LANCELOT CLASSIFIED STAKES (CLASS F)

- 16 deciend -BETTING: 11-4 Birthday Venkins, 3-1 Gernock Valley, 4-1 Mawkab, 6-1 Seu Yo Marie, Waiting Knight, 8-1 Kosavo, Blushing Victoria, 12-1 Sharp Steel, 16-1 others FORM VERDICT

The lightly-raced Airthday Ventura may not find the outside draw so easy to overcome in a more competitive event than the marden she won here last November atthough she clearly has to be respected. Sea Ya Maita has claims on his best form as does top weight Garnock Valley, but the front-running MAWKAB has the plum draw for his style of racing in stall one and could be hard to peg back.

4.10 HOLY GRAIL APPRENTICE SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £2,500 added 1m 4f 40-333 ARTIC COURIER (40) (D) D Cosgrove 8 8 13 D Williams 9

FORM VERDICT

Uninspiring stuff, featuring horses who are hard to win with and/or on the downgrade. Although this trip is his minimum, MONACO GOLD is proven here and usually runs his race and that entitles him to the vote over Artic Courjer, who looks none too keen but has the form to win, and Hill Farm Dancer, who is on the decline.

4.40 EXCALIBUR HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,000 added 3YO 1m 3f

0341 CHALCEDONY (91) 1 0 Banon 9 1 2225 THE LAST WORD (5) (C) R Hobispose 9 0003 OULTON BROAD (15) / Forman 9 3 00431 BUSTUNG RKO (45) (CD) P Haslam 8 2 D Sweeney 6 R Studholme (5) 4 J Weaver 3 5-613) MARTHA REILLY (16) (C) Mrs & Warry 92 3-30 GOODBYE GOLDSTONE (34) T J Naughton 9 D , F Norton 4525 CRASH CALL LADY [5] C Alen 66 000- NEW MOON (218) C Thoman 85 0000-4 NETHERHALL [18) M Meagher 80 . .N Cartisle 6 an McKeown 7

- 9 declared BETTING: 7-4 Bustling Rio., 7-2 Chalcedony, 4-1 Goodbye Goldstone, 5-1 The Last
Word, 7-1 Marthe Rolly, 8-1 Crash Call Lady, 18-1 Outton Broad, 66-1 others FORM VERDICT

It is hard to got away from BUSTLING RIO who was impressive over this CAD last time and still tooks well handicapped. The only sight concern is his six-week absence but even if he is not at his very best he should be good enough to take care of these. The main danger could be Goodbye Goldstone who is notely treated it bouncing back to the form of his third on his AW debut here in January.

United to undo weakened Juve

HOW LUCKYcan you get? Having beaten Internazionale at a time when Ronaldo, their oncebest-in-the-world striker, was under a cloud in the quarter-finals, Manchester United look a great bet at even money with Stanley tomorrow as they entertain a Juventus side who may be minus Zinedine Zidane, their French World Cup winning midfielder, in the first leg of their

European Cup semi-final. Juve, who beat Ajax in 1996 before inexplicably losing to the inferior Borussia Dortmund and Real Madrid in the last two European Cup finals while winning consecutive Italian league titles, used to be the best club side on the continent. But not any more.

They made heavy weather of qualifying for the knock-out stages in the Champions' League before Christmas, were fortunate to get past the ordinary Greek outfit Olympiakos in the quarter-finals and their form in Serie A has been so moderate that their coach Marcello Lippi, who joins Internazionale next term, felt forced to quit early.

Since Lippi left Juve's form initially picked up under their new coach, Carlo Ancelotti, but the Turin giants contrived to get beaten 1-0 at Empoli, Serie A's answer to Nottingham Forest, on Saturday, an ill omen for their trip to the Theatre Of Dreams.

For, going forward at least, United, who beat Juventus 3-2 in the Champions' League at Old Trafford last season, have pever looked better. Dwight Yorke has given United the

SPORTS BETTING

BY IAN DAVIES

world class and nis presence has brought out the best in Andy Cole, his strike partner. United remain vulnerable to

a class outfit at the back but, with Zidane doubtful and Alessandro Del Piero, Juve's brilliant striker out for the season, the remaining forwards, Filippo Inzaghi (overrated), Nicola Amoruso and Daniel Fonseca, are hardly a trio to strike fear into the heart of the Old Trafford faithful.

Dynamo Kiev may be held to a draw by Bayern Munich in the first leg of the other semifinal in Kiev. Bayern, who are dominating the Bundesliga, drew 2-2 at Bayer Leverkusen at the weekend and although without their brilliant French full-back Bixeote Lizarazu (injured), can cootain Dynamo, not always at their best at home and unimpressive in their other guise - they supply most of the Ukraine national team against Iceland last week.

On Thursday, Chelsea should establish a first-leg lead. but it will oot be easy against the useful Spanish defensive outfit Real Mallorca in the first leg of their European Cup-Winners' Cup semi-final at Stamford Bridge. Real Mallorca have conceded only 21 league goals in 28 games in this season.

Meanwhile tomorrow, Marseilles, who went back to the top of the French league by beating Monaco last Friday, can beat Serie A mid-table outfit Bologna ability to pose a constant goal in the first leg of their Uefa Cup threat at any level. Yorke is semi-final, while the classy



Cole: Inspired

Parma can gain a draw at the ofteo disappointing Spanish club Atletico Madrid.

The best bet in the Masters is Tiger Woods (geoerally 6-1) who loves Augusta. David Duval is 5-1 favourite following backto-back victories oo the American tour, but the pressure may get to him. Lee Westwood, the only British player with an chance, may find the lightning greens at Augusta too hot.

LIVE ON TERRESTRIAL TV Man Utd 4-5 4-5 8-11 evens 8-11 draw 11-5 2-1 11-5 2-1 11-5

Juventus 3-1 10-3 10-3 5-2 10-3 Cheisea 1-2 8-15 4-9 6-13 1-2 draw 12-5 5-2 13-5 9-4 12-5 Real Mallerca 5-1 9-7 11-2 4-1 5-1 Other selections: Uefa Cup send-Broat Broat legs. Alexco Madrid to draw with Parma [9-4, H]: Marsellle [sports betting s onte-post selection or 20-1, now 3-1] to beat Blogist, (5-6 C) Premierable; Ansenal to bear Blackburn [4-11, H] Lecester to draw with Asom Villa (12-5, C-6 T). Tomorron: Enropean Cup send-Broat Brost legs: Dynamo Kier to draw with Bayern Murech [9-4, C-6 T). Thursday: Enropean Cup-Milloners' Cup send-Broat first legs: Losomow Moscow to draw with Labo [9-4, T). C Coral, H William Hill, L Ladorokes, 5 Stanley, T Tote

WEEKEND POOLS FORECAST

PREMIERSHIP

Aston Villa v Southampton Leich, or v West Ham

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

Bradford v Portsmouth. 8 GPR v West Brom. 9 Swindon v Birmingham 10 Watford v Bolton 11 Wolverhampton v Crystal Palace1 Not on coupons Barnsley v Tranmere: Stockport v Shelf Urd: Sunderland v Huddersfield.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

12 Blackpool v Reading .. 13 Colchesrer v Walsall 14 Fulham v Wigan 15 Macclesheld v Preston ... 16 Man City v Lincoln City 17 Northampron v Luton 18 Norts County v Chesterfield NATIONWIDE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

23 Barnet v Scarborough 24 Cambridge Utd v Halifax 25 Carlisle v Peterborough 27 Hartlepool v Chester 31 Plymouth v Brighton .. 33 Scunthorpe v Brentford1

Friday: Swansea v Shrewsbury. BANK OF SCOTLAND SCOTTISH PREMIER

LEAGUE 34 Kilmarnock v Aberdeen . Not on coupon: Motherwell v Oundee. Scottish Cup semi-finals: Celuc v Dundee Utd ('brox). Sunday: 5t Johnstone

SCOTTISH LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

35 Raith v Hibemian Not on coupon: Airdrie v Falkirk; Clyde-bank v Hamilton; St Mirren v Morton;

SCOTTISH LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION 36 Alloa v Arbroath 3B Inverness Cal. v Stirling......

SCOTTISH LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

1 Brechin v Albion 2 Cowdenbeath v Oumbarton ... NATIONWIDE

CONFERENCE

PREMIER DIVISION

TEN HOMES: Bradford v Portsmouth, Fulham v Wigan: Man City v Lincoln City: Stoke v Bristol Rovers, York v Millwall; Ply-mouth v Brighton; Klimamock v Aberdeen; Inverness Cal. v Sorling; Livingston v Clyde: Morecambe v Kidderminster.

KEMPTON

Going: Good to Firm

2.35: (6f Quail Stakes)

3.05: (tm 2/ Listed Magnolia Stakes)
1. GENEROUS ROSL K Fallon 10-11 fav
2. Shaye M Hille 20-1
3. Dynemism L Dettori 18-1
Also ran: 9-2 Royal Ameristo, 13-2 Muhtafel (6th), 10-1 Dower House (unecested rider), 12-1 Diamond White (4th), 14-1 For Valour (5th), B ran. 3'h. 'k., 2, 5, 5. (Winner bay coll by nerous out of Come On Rost, trained by J Dunico et Arundel for Wafic Salci). Tel

180; £10, £380, £220, DF: £1880, CSF: 3.40: ftm 2f Posebery Handicap) 18-1 Alconleigh, Pas De Memoires (6th). 20-1 Infatuation, Nautical Star, 33-1 King Darlus, Praetorien Gold, Piver Beet, Taverne Society. White Plains, 50-1 Graimano. 20 ram. Nk. 1/4, 1, 31/2. (Winner bay coli by Tenby of Tamassos, trained by P Cole of Whatcombe for Lucieno Gauco). Total: \$1400; \$310. \$450. \$300. \$430. OF: \$8090.

CSF: £256.33. Tricast: £2,080.76. 4.10: /6f handicap PASSION FOR LIFE .. O Pender 13-2 tow

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13 ren. 1, 14. (Winner bay or brown filly by Ele Mana Mou out of Happy Tidings, trained by 6 Dow at Epsom for Clear Height Epsom, Total: \$120,051,031,0210,0215,007.

ward to today.
Plecepot: £6450. Quadpot: £2550.
Place 6: £9704. Place 5: £4825. NEWCASTLE NEW CAS I LE
Going: Good (Good to Soft in places)
2.15: 1. MASTER FAV (T Quint) 4-1; 2. Povest Queen 12-1; 3. Sest Music Mictroffin
33-1.8 ran. 6-4 fav Garth Pool (4th). 8. hd.
(M Channon, Upper Lumbourn), Tota: £430;
£180, £150, £340. DF: £7th. CSF: £4478.
2.50: 1. SILK COTTAGE (N Kennedy) 7-1;
2. Sweet Magic 25-1; 3. Sested By Frate
33-1. 14 ran. 7-2 fav Mungo Park (4th). Hd.
74. (R Bestiman, Wetherby), Tota: £860, £20.
£240, £1170. DF: £9550. CSF: £48565. Tiness: £293771.

2840, E170, DF: 28550 CSF: £18565. Tri-cast: £2,93771.
3.20: 1. TILER (D Holland) 7-1; 2. Re-doubtable 8-1; 3. Present Chance 20-1; 4. Deave 20-1; 17 ran. 8-1 fav Persian Fayra. 1½, 4. (M Johnston, Middeham). Tote: E540; £180, £170, £840, £370, DF: £2120. CSF: £2564. Tricest: £10,3886. 3.50: 1. ROYAL REBEL (J Caroll) 8-4 fav; 2. Raegi 13-6; 3. Catriona 11-4, 6 ran. Hd. 1½, (M Johnston, Middeham). Tote: £220; £130, £150, DF: £200, CSF: £395. 4.25: 1. DOONAREE (D Holland) 7-2, 2. Frain 10-11 fax; 3. Mantil 11-2, 9 ran. 4, 14. (M Johnston, Middeham). Tote: £480; £170. (M Johnston, Middleham), Tote: £480; £170, £110, £190, DF: £2800, CSF: £689. 500: 1. CELESTIAL WELCOME (A Culture) 13-2; 2. Alberten 3-1 fav; 3. Brandes Own 33-1; 4. Amron 20-1 16 ran. 14. 14. (Mrs. M. Reveley, Salitzum). Toto: 5850; 5190, 5160. 5580, 5480. DF; 5190. CSF; 523.92. Tricast:

Place 6: £30771, Place 5: £7804

NOTTINGHAM . Going: Good to Soft (Soft in places) 2.10; 1. BURN PARK (G Hind) 11-2; 2. Peradise Vergatus 6-1; 3. Franch Fancy 8-1. B ren. 3-1 fev Baytown Melody (6th), 1/4, hd. (8 R Milman). Totac 0570; 9190, 9160, 9190. DF: 91480. GSF: 93736. 2.40: 1. COTE SOLEIL (S Drowne) 5-2; 2. Comment 12-1; 3. True Obsassion 2-1 fee. 10 nm. /s, nk. (M Channon). Tota: £380; £150, £380, £180, DF: £770, CSF: £3878. 2.10: 1. TAYIF (G Carter) 4-5 fav; 2. Per-adise Lane 33-1; 3. Mac's Express 12-1 12 ran. ¼, nk. (J Payne) Tota: £180; £120, £530, £430. DF: £52.50. CSF: £52.28. 3.45: 1. RISKY VALENTINE (G Hand) 10-1; 2. Grand View 16-1, 3. Night Life 5-1; 4. Bundy 5-1 20 ran. 9-4 fav Moocha Che Men. 1/4, 3 (J Spearing). Tota: \$10.30: 510, 520. £230, £180. DF: £11950. CSF: £150.72. Tnc-

ast 2878.30. 4.20: 1. PEKAN HEIGHTS (W Ryan) 4-1; 2. Beryl 2-1 tav; 3. My Tess 14-1 9 ran. 3. 1/4. (E Dunlop) Totes 5740; 5240, 5150, 5280 DF: 5780. CSF: \$12.28. Tricast: \$9800. DF: 1/50 COF: 1223 (1985) 1990 (4.55: 1. HE'S GOT WINGS (G Carter) 20-1; 2. Mane Frame 8-1; 3. Shephards Rest 13-2; 4. Hill Farm Blace 10-1 18 ran. 5-2 tov Nextab Ster 14, hd (M Pett) Totas 532-0; 2440, P2.20, C150, C3150 DF: P159.20 CSF: 2779.21 Thicast \$100.12. 27821. Tricast: \$12512.
5.25: 1. FALLACHAN (P Robinson) Evens ter; 2. It's Our Secret 16-1: 3. Unchain My Heart 11-1: 4. Leave It To Me 10-1: 17 ran. 3. (M Jarve) Totas: \$170; \$10; 480, \$250, £130. DF: \$1800. CSF: \$2282. Tricast: \$15181. NFI: Lucy Mariella.
Placepot: \$17050. Quedpot: \$2570. Place 6: \$19857. Place 5: £4943.

WARWICK Going: Good (Good to Soft in places)
2.00: 1. COTTON HOUSE (A Mackey) 5-4
fay; 2. Kilbrannan Sound 8-1; 3. Sontime
25-1.1Dran. 2/s. 3. (MC Plannon), Totes 52:0.
52:10. 52:0, 58:20. DF: \$72:40. CSF: \$72:57.
2.30: 1. LINCOLIN DANCER (N Day) 6-1;
2. Barringer 4-1: 3. Bitteerness, Mountain 2. Barringer 4-1; 3. Bituegrass Mountain 11-8 tez 8 ran. 1½. 3½. (G Lewis), Tota: £750; £250, £190, £100, DF: £18.70, CSF: £30.23. E250, E190, E130, DF, E1870, GSF; E3023-3,000; 1. HARP PLAYER (M Ferton) 7-1; 2. Aziheam 5-2; 3. Hethni (thound 40-1, 11 ran, 2-1 fay Port Meadow (Sth), -5, -6 (M Bell), Tota: E150; E290, E390, E590 DF; £4680, CSF; £2366, Tricast; £63505, NR;

2403U CSF: 22300 Incase: 163316. Per Gold Honor. 3.35: 1. SWIFT (Dean McKeown) 7-4 tav; 2. Classic Colours 25-1; 3. Master Cast-er 12-1; 4. Aspirant Dancer 12-1 18 ran. 3/s, 2. (M Polylase). Tota: C3D0; C180 C530, 2290, C3D0. DF: E5230. CSF: 250.57. Tncast: £454.33. ast: \$454.33.
4.15: 1. LUZ BAY (T Sprake) 11-4; 2. Turtle Valley 9-2; 3. Coral Reef 12-1 B ran. 6-4 fav Mancala. 2, 2. (R Chartron). Tota: \$4.70; \$2.10, \$2.00, \$1.50. DF: \$2.60. CSF: \$5.48.
4.50: 1. WARNINGFORD (O Urbina) 11-2; 2. Grouny's Pet 7-1; 3. Late Night Out 2-1 7 ran. 6-4 fav Jo Mel (\$th). N. 2'h. (J Fanstawe). Brite: \$2.70; \$2.20. \$2.70. DF: \$2.100. CSF: \$4.00 F.
2.20: 1. ROTONIAN (J O Smith) 100-30 fav:

CSF: \$40.90.
6.20: 1. SOTONIAN (J O Smith) 100-30 tav;
2. Press Alnead 25-1; 3. Poler Milet 8-1; 4.
Faute De Mileu 16-1. 18 ran. ½, hd. (P Felgats). Tota: \$4.80; \$2.10; \$4.50. \$2.50. \$3.00.
DF: \$108.00. CSF: \$27.53. Tricas: £578.03.
Amended Result Following a Stewards Inquiry. Poler Milet who freished second was disqualified and placed third.
Placepole \$54.00. Ousdopot: \$208.30. Placepoi: £5400. Ousdpot: £20930. Place 6: £23148. Place 5: £130.76.

CARLISLE Going: Good (Good to Soft in places) 2.15: 1. ACKZO (Mr J P McNamara) 4-6 fav; 2. Citoles Cut 5-1; 3. Northern Gen-eral 3-1 18 ran. 4. dist. (F Murphy). Totes £480: £180. £200. £170. DF: £780. CSF: 2736 2.45: 1. FAN D'ESTRUVAL (Richard Guest) 14-1; 2. Oragons Bay 2-1 far; 3. Turkish Tower 14-1 16 ran, 3, 1 (Martin Tod-hunter), Tote: £14.60; £3.00, £1.20, £4.70,

£12.20. DF: £13.70. CSF: £45.07. Theast. \$422.85. 3.15: 1. SALVAGE (R McGrain) 6-1: 2. Impertio 9-1; 3. Lobbinguiong 12-1 20 ran. 4-1 jt favs Fox's Libs, Gurner Marc (4th) 2, 2%, (W Heigh), Tote: E890; 5120, 2330. 5460. DF: £8980. CSF: £8281.

3.45: 1. GALE FORCE | B Grattan) 9-2; 2. Celtic Duke 5-1: 3. Minella Gold 12-1 14 ran. 4-1 fav The Snow Burn (5th), 2. 1% (P Beaumorn), Tote: 250, 2220, 220, 220, 230 DF: 21-40, CSF: 22565 Tricest: 224398 4.15: 1. EXECUTIVE DESION (MI A Decrease), 19-4 fars. 3. Motoristics 2-1. 4.15: 1. EXECUTIVE DESION (Mi. A Dempsey) 9-4 fav; 2. Valedictory 7-1. 3. Oriol Lad 9-2.10 ran. 2/n. 12 (Mrs M Reveley). Tote: £3.70; £1.40; £5.20; £2.00 DF. £13.30 CSF; £20.51 Tireast. £68.08
4.45; 1. KEEPER'S CALL (Mr C Mulhall 9-2; 2. Florucetve 4-1; 3. Mejor Toom 7-2 12 ran. 1/n. 15, 18 Melon) Tote: £70. £250; £170; £1.40 DF; £15.80 CSF, £23.97
5.15; 1. DENARIUS (Richard Guest) 5-1
2. General Louis 5-2 fav; 3. Sennerman 5-1 18 ran. 3. 2 (W Haigh). Tote: £4.90
£2.50; £190; £2.60 DF; £3.40 CSF, £1973
MS: Joylul Again, Nouseyn.

MRs: Joyful Again, Nouseyn Placepot: £76.20. Quadpot: £16.350 532.59 carned forward to today. Place 6: £71.61. Place 5: £6414 CHEPSTOW

Going: Soft
2.00: 1. JOLIVER (A P McCoyl 5-2 tav 2. Rusty Reel 5-1; 3. Infamous 7-1 12 ran. 2/L, B (M Pipe) Tote: \$3.20; \$1.70, \$2.50 \$1.40, DF: \$6.40, CSF \$13.59 \$2.70; 1.00 Pipe) Tote: \$3.50 2140. DF: £640 CSF \$1359
2.30: 1. NORSKI LAD (1722ard) 4-5 tav
2. Tain Ton 4-1; 3. Ballet High 11-2 11 ran.
6.3%, (P Nichols) Tote: £180: £140 £140
£150. DF: £300 CSF. £3.77.
3.00: 1. NY THE BLOOD (C Maude) 5-4 tav
2. Dantes Cavaller 6-1; 3. Jathib 7-2 6
ran. Dest, dist. (P Hobbs). Tote: £2.20
£120, £2.50. DF: £4.90. CSF: £9.24
3.30: 1. POTENTATE (A P McCoy) 11-4
2. Thutchev 9-4 tav. 3. City Hall 5-2 4 ran. z. i suscenev 9-4 tav; 3. City Hall 5-2. 4 ran. 1, 1. (M Pipe). Tote: £230 OF: £260 CSF

LOO: 1. MOORLAND HIGHFLYER IM. D

O'Meara) 9-1; 2. Flapjack Lad B-1; 3. Bally Lira 14-1 10 ran. 7-2 fav Red Lighter (pulled up) 8, 1% (A Hobbs), Tote: £15-90 £280, £180, £360. DF: £34-90. CSF: £68-80. Tricast: \$908.50. NRs: High Mood, Mon-casman, Sophie May. Moncasman IS-11 was withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applies deduct 15p in the pound. 4.30: 1. RASH REMARK (A P McCov) 4-6 tay: 2. Count Campioni 13-8, 3. Saf-lynabragget 12-1 9 ran. 17. 13 (M Pipel Tota: 0170; 5120 C110, 5140 DF. 5160 CSF 5.90: 1. OUISTAQUAY (J Tizzard) 6-1: 2. Handy Less 5-2 fav. 3. Sumrise Special 6-1: 2. Handy Less 5-2 fav. 3. Sumrise Special 6-1: 12 ran. 6. 3. J Mulins) Tota: 5770. 5240, E100, E340, DF- £790, CSF: £2279

Tricast: £9509. Placepot: £4110 Quadpot: £2180 Place 6: £74.35. Place 5: £4948.

Gong: Good (Good to Firm in places) 2.30: 1. MARCHANT MING (N Beniley) 25-1; 2. Frackles 6-1; 3. Emerald Venture 33-1, 13 ran. 7, 1%, IH Alexanderi, Tote: 23040; £470, £260, £630, DF: £70.70, CSF. £18897. Tricast: £592412. 3.05: 1. NO CUITTING (Mr W Wales) 5-1. 2. Verde Lune 5-4 fav; 3. Chester Ben 7-2 B ran. Hd, 11. (M Kemp). Tote: \$490; £130 £150, £150. OF: £430. CSF-£187

CSF: CSI.1.
4.15: 1. CRACKING IDEA (Mr P McAlaster) 9-4: 2. Zam Bee 8-1; 3. Beilyalita Caste 3-1. 5 nan. Evens fav Jo Jo Boy (fell) 6, 2 (Mrs P Brightwell, Tote: C330, C150 C200, DF: C1420, CSF: C1736

RACING RESULTS 4.50: 1. PEARL'S CHOICE | 5 Curran) 5-1, 2. Grange Court 10-3; 3. Dandla Imp 6-1 9 ran, 17, 6. | J McConnoche). Tote: 0540, 5170, 52:00, 52:00 DF, 51:000, CSF 224:02. Troast, \$101.27, NR: Head For Heav-5.25: 1. FOXES TAIL (P Holley) 6-1, 2. Polo Venture 6-4 fav; 3. Supremism 8-1 11 ran. 3'k, 5. (R Hodges). Tote: £6.70; £150, £120. £2.90. OF: £8.60. CSF £1704. Tucast.

> Place 6: £3450. Quadpot: £720. Place 6: £313.46. Place 5: £318. HEREFORD

Going: Good to Firm
2.25: 1. NEW BIRD IR Thornion: 2-7 lav.
2. Tinged With Gold 16-1. 3. My Lost Love
33-1 B ram. Dist. 10. (ID Nicholson) Total:
C140: C130. C240 DF C290 CSF C651 2140; \$130, \$240, DF \$290 CSF \$651 3,00; 1, DAYTIME DAWN JM: \$ Morrs) 20-1; 2, Boxing Match 6-1, 3, Bal Lans 7-1 16 ran, 11-0 tay Noctorm Wonder (5th) Nr. 14 (R Walet Total: \$2300, \$270, \$2.70, \$130, DF; \$2550 CSF; \$156,09 NR; \$trong Traca.

3.35: 1. LUCKY ROSS (5 Wynne) 7-2-2
Larkus Auralius 25-1-3. Daddy Dancer
16-1 12 ran. 6-11 fav Supreme Day (5th).
10. 17. (H Day). Tote: 0420 E140 12-80.
E110 DF: 64190 CSF: 68402
4 10: 1. ESKLEYBROOK (T Jenks) 6-1, 2.
Northern Saddler 9-4 tav. 3. Kapoo 6-1
7 ran. 10. 20. (N Twiston-Daves). Tote: 1270.
C270. 6250. DF: 5730, CSF 51957
445: 1. ROYAL TOMBY 1.1. A McCariliv) 4-45: 1. ROYAL TOMMY JA McCarthy) 9-11 fav; 2. The Honest Poacher 6-1; 3. Pamalyn 6-1 B ran, 14: 30 (O Sherwood) Tote: \$180, \$140, \$250 DF \$410 CSF, \$589.

5.20: 1. OTHER CLUB (R Thornton) 12-1. 5-20: 1. UTHER CLUB (R Thornion) 12-1. 2. Flathwe's First 14-1; 3. Berkeley Frontier 3-1 12 ran. 5-2 tay Cutcsn kane (6th) 2. 19-. (J Portman) Tote: £1150. £230 £220. £270. DF: £2700. CSF-£1488. Tro-sst: £5596t. NR: Bad Bermot. Forest Mu Plecapot: £253.10 Quadpot: £105.10; £10031 carned forward to today Plans 6: \$20727 Blans 6: £556.21 Place 6: £20767. Place 5: £16164 HUNTINGDON

Gong: Good to Firm 2.00: 1. PANOGRAS LORO JE Cataghan) 6-1. 2. Chtlly Lad 25-1: 3. Forestry 8-1 9 rad, 7-4 fav Capsoff (4th) 21-1: 1½, (J Wen-wright). Tota: 2540: E190, 2320-2230 DF C1990, CSF: £1080, Tricast. £1084.85 MB. Tie Rept. NR Tie Break. 2.30: 1. WINSFORD HILL (J Goldstein) 6-4

2.30: 1. WINSFORD HILL JJ Goldstem; 6-4 lav. 2. Go Go Henry 13-2. 3. Char-heamedarlin 50-1 6 ran. 10. 1% (lan Wilkams). Tote: £2.80, £160, £150 DF. £5.20 CSF: £1056. NR: Eau Bernte 3.00: 1. ARDFBINAN (A Thomton) 13-8 fav. 2. Ouite Lively 6-1: 3. Pertemps Mission 12-1 10 ran. 5. rik. [Mrs. J Pirman). Tote: £2.90, £160, £210, £240, DF. £8.50, CSF £12.5: NR: Baran itsu L125: NR: Baran Itsu 3.30: 1. CEDAR SQUARE IMr C Bonneri 9-1 2. Swing Quartet 4-1, 3, HJ Hedley 16-1 10 ran, 5-2 fav Seabroot Lad (5th) 12 7 (V Darman) Yote: £1240, £260, £150 £280 DF £24.70 CSF £4516 Thicasi (53973 4.05: 1. CLAIRE'S DANCER (M Abchards)

6-1 2. Prairie Minstrel 12-1 3. Two To Tango 4-1 10 rpn. 5-2 lav Besse Browne (fell) Nk. 5 (Andrew Turnell) Tota: £920° £210° 6340. £100 DF £3490. CSF £6987 Tircasi £29868. 4.35:1. TREE CREEPER (J Goldstein) 4-1. 2. Come On Penny 5-1: 3. Reverse Thrust 7-1.7 ran. 9-4 lay forn 546 (fell) 3.2: 4Andrew Turnell, Tota: £540, £200 £250 DF, £770, CSF £2269

5.05: 1. DE CHELLY | Mr V Coogan) 16-1; 2. Toreo 6-1; 3. Wunjo 17-2, 15 ran. 9-4 lav Lady Busted, V, 3. | P Webber) Tota: 25720; 2830, 2420, 2230, DF; 259580 CSF; Chase Park Capana Baleys, General Custer Mister Craham, Single Impression. Chasing Baleys (14-1) was withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applies to board prices only, deduction 5p in the pound and Not5 Mister Graham (4-1) was withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applies to board condenses and deduction 5p in the pound and Not Mister Graham (4-1) was withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applies to board capana (4-1) was board to be and the condenses and deduction. See a point of the pound of the condenses and deduction.

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Gong: Gong: Goog 20:1; 2. Legend of Love Evens iav, 3, Our Man Filn 9:2 9 ran. Sh-hd. 10 (M Chapman). Tote: 18:40, £320, £140, £10 DF £750, CSF; £3752 2.45: 1. RODDERS (H Ofiver) 12-1; 2. Jills 2.45: 1. HODDERS In Owe) 72-1; 2. July Joy 14-1, 3. Pomic 4-5 fav. 9 ran. 2½, 2½, U Gloven, Tote: £1050; £260, £250, £180, DF. £6720, CSF. £18977
3.20: 1. SHAHRANI IC Ratteri 12-1; 2. Lucky Masster 7-1; 3. Alzomo 5-1; 9 ran. ½, sh-nd IM Chapman Tote: £180; £200, £180, £220, DF. £4790, CSF; £8743, Tincaer: £4743, 90

ast £436.99
3.55: 1. AVANTI EXPRESS (Sophie Michel) 6-1. 2. Miles Pernyhill 10-1; 3. Cool Spot 5-1. 7 ran., 2-1 fav Oscal An Doras (441) 12.6 (Egerton). Tote: E720; 23.0, £4.70 DF: £106.20 CSF £54.52.
4.30: 1. COOLAW (A Maguare) 5-2; 2. Strong Spray 6-1: 3. Hot 11 Saucy 7-4 fav. 11 ran. 1.11-. (F Murphy) Tote: £350; £130, £130, £170. DF: £303 CSF-£1604. NR: Shaidente, Star Mystery.
5.00: 1. WREN WARBLER (A S Smith) 15-8 lav. 2. Willie Wannabe 20-1; 3. Falcon's lav 2. Wille Wannabe 20-1; 3. Falcon's Flams 14-1 9 nan. 2.4 (Mrs P Robeson). Tote: 533:9 Tricast: £36708 NR. Rubon CSF. £33:9 Tricast: £36708 NR. Rubon

7-2, 2. Obelisk 5-2 fav, 3. Creck Shot 13-2, 13 ran. 17-3, 3. (M. Hammond), Tota: £900; £200, £170, £250, DF; £130, CSF; £1431, NR Placepot: £12750 Quadpot: £30.20. Place 6: £127.40 Place 5: £90.25

PLUMPTON Going: Good (Good to Soft in places) 2.30: 1. CHIPPEWA (R Greene) 9-2; 2. Fal-lah 20-1, 3. Harik 13-8 tav 12 ran. 6, 2%, M Pipe; Tote: \$550: 12:200, 6440, 6150.0F. 62:800 CSF. \$2828. NR. Ghadames. 3.00: 1, MACHALINI | M Betchelor) 2-1; 2. Merry Shot 10-1; 3. Irish Frolic 7-4 tav. 9 ran. 10.8 (T George) Tote: £380; £150, £180, £100, DF £1460, CSF: £2055, NR; Weish Har-

vest 3.30: 1. SORBIERE (S Fox) 13-2: 2. Bigwig 9-2: 3. Amaze 11-4 fav. 11 ran. 3½, 4. (D Gressel) Tole: \$680: \$190, \$220, \$180 OF: \$1090 CSF: \$536.8. Thosa: \$9488. 4.00: 1, BARONCELLI (M Batchelor) 5-4 fav; 2. Caree Rose 4-1; 3. Esperantza IV 10-1. Bran. 31-, 12 (M Wikinson) Tota: 0230; 0190, 0190, 0190 DF: 0330 CSF, 6704, Tricast: 4.30: 1. LEITRIM COTTAGE IC Murray) 6-1, 4.30: 1. LETRIM COTTAGE IC Murray 8-1, 2. Whilippers Delight 5-1; 3. Mullintor 7-1. Bran. 7-4 fav. Lyphads 7-Fab. (5th) 5-6. (TMcGovern, Tota: £2070, 8-10, £190, £190. DF. £1840, CSF. £4630 Tricast £272.86. S.O0: 1. STOPWATCH (T Peoples) 8-1: 2. Descing Dervish 25-1, 3. Brooksle 6-1. 6 ran. 11-0; by Laffeh (4th), 10. 4 (Mrs. Level) Tota: £1080, £340 DF: £2490 CSF: £1472 Placepott £50730. Quadont £58.50

Place 6: £27151. Place 5: £155.95.

TOWCESTER

2.45: 1. ROSSELL ISLAND (8 CHOOR)
11-4; 2. Whispering Court 11-1; 3. Peverit
Pendragon 5-2 tav. 8 ran. 11/1. 1/2. (Mrs J
Phran) Tota: 53.70; 51.50, 52.90, 51.40, DF522.10, CSF: 521.65; Tincast: 581.55
3.15: 1. KUNNAHALLA (F Kerny) 6-4 tav;
2. The Full Monty 4-1; 3. Trouvaille 10-1
Bran. 11/4. 4 (G Balcing), Tota: 52.90; 51.40,
51.50, 53.50, DF: 53.90, CSF: 58.51, Tincast

Tote: £140. DF: £230. CSF: £272.
4.55: 1. TANTIVY BAY (Mr P Flynn) 8-1;
2. Mister Doon 14-1; 3. Sir Robbo 12-1;
13 ran. 11-4 fav Sirrbei Hill (5th) 1-1, 14 (P Hobbe). Tote: £120, £430, £760, £290,
CSF: £1218. DF. Not won. £1120.24 is carned over to Wetherby 320 rodsy.
5.25: 1. KAYGEBE fMr C R Weaver] 14-1;
2. Christrone Cove 8-2; 3. Pembrotes Square 4-1 12 ran. 2-1 fav Crackrattle (6th) 8, 3%. (P Webberl, Tote: £1770;
£340, £200, £180, DF: £9070, CSF: £7657
Placepot: £26100, Quadqoot. £9130.
Place 6: £17344. Place 5: £7851.

2.50: 1. OAKBURY (T Siddail) 16-1; Deadheat 2. Baitmoral Princess 8-1 & Lord Frederick 25-1. 15 ran. 15-8 fax Stamford Hill Hd, dd-ht. (MRss. L. Siddail). Totae: \$21.40; £3.70, £2.20, £9.80 DF: Oakbury, Baimoral Princess £50.20, Oakbury, Lord Frederick £2177.0 GSF: Ceixbury, Baimoral Princess £9961, Oakbury, Lord Frederick £792.8, Tincast: Oakbury, Baimoral Princess, Lord Frederick, Baimoral Princess £1,582.04. NR: Admiral's Guest, Leap in The Dark, Twice The Groom.

ast. £31480. 5.10: 1. BORA BORA (C Llewellyri) 4-6 fav. 2. Woodland Nymph (2-1; 3. Bessie Black 11-4 9 ran. 8. 9. (N Twiston-Davies). Tote: £210; £110. £270. £130 DF. £1870. CSF: \$12.38. NR: Singing Scally Placepot: \$289.80. Quadpot: \$12.00.

FIVE AMAYS: Swindon v Birmingham: Macdesfield v Preston, Rochdale v Rothel-ham: Raith v Hibernian: Cowdenbeath v Dumbai ron.

FOUR DRAWS: Leicester v West Ham. OPR v West Brom: Colchester v Walsall. Leyton Orient v Cardiff. Pools forecast selections by Ion Davies

Going: Good 2.15: 1. SUMMER FLOWER (Mt A Irvine) 7-1; 2. Inclination 11-4 ji tay; 3. Cochiti 10-1 11 ran. 11-4 ji tay Chopn. 22. 1. (Mss Z Day-son). Tote: F050: F280. F160. 62.20. DF: F1530. CSF: C25.58. Treast: F184.49. 2.45: 1. ROSSELL. ISLAND. (8. CHROd).

24346 3.50: 1. ROSS DANCER (L Suthern) 3-1; 2. Northern Star 10-1; 3. Smokey Robot 14-1, 12 ran. 11-4 fav Pentisula Boy, 6, 10, 1J Moore) Tote: (2.30, C150, C550, C370, 0F; £5750, CSF, £32.72, Tircast, £356.24, 4.25: 1. AVOSTAR (M: 5 Pollock) 4-11 fev: 2. Severn Invader 6-2; 3. Jupiter Moon 9-2. 4 ran. 2%. dist. (Mrs. Caroline Bailey). Yote: \$140. DF: \$2.30. CSF: \$2.72.

Going: Good to Soft
2.15: 1. ROCKCLIFFE GOSBIP IC
Levelyni 8-1: 2. Emipeus 11-2; 3. Comiche
9-2. B ran. 3-1 fav Rober Joker (@th). 12, 4.
(N Twiston-Davies). Tote: 5590; 5170; 5200.
518: 20 N: Dnity Dora, Naisko.
2.50: 1. OAKBURY (T Siddail) 16-1; Dead-

Dark, Twice The Groom. 3.25: 1. BRONHALLOW (Chris Webb) 12-1; 2. Crazy Crusader 4-1; 3. Pessimistic Dick 16-1 11 ran, 11-4 lav More Tuney (pulled up). 19. Tl. (Mrs Berbara Warng), Tote: £7040; £1050, £150, £250, DF: £28680, CSF: £6314 Tricast: £749.87.

863.14 Tricast: CA987,
4.00: 1. EDMOND (R Farrant) 11-8 fav; 2.
Act of Falth 2-1: 3. Double Tempo 4-1 7
ran. Nr. 19. (H Daly). Tota: \$280; \$190, \$150.
DF: \$2300 CSF: \$465 NF: Reluckino.
4.38: 1. SPR(NG DOUBLE (C Llewellyn)
100-30; 2. Hawaitan Youth 20-1: 3. Hoodwinker 5-1 B ran. 2-1 fav Grizzly Bear (Sth).
3. 1 (N Twiston-Davies). Tota: \$4.20; \$120,
£3.30, £180. DF: \$27.70 CSF: \$5648. Traast. £31480. ast. £314.80.

Piace 6: \$30383 Piace 5: £13345

WETHERBY

Going: Good [Good to Firm in places]
2.20: 1. TOPOTHENORTHRACING [7] na/ City. 2.55: 1. WYNYARD KNIGHT IP Niveni 1-2

2.55; 1. WYNYARD KNIGHT JP Niveri 1-2 tav; 2. Keen To The Last i1-4; 3. Tara Rambler III-17 ran. 5, 5 (Mrs M Revelay) Tote: £140; £160; £160; £150 CSF, £201 3.25; 1. SAMAKAAN (S kely) 6-5 lav; 2. Coble Lane 10-1; 3. Stage Whisper 10-1 14 ran. II. 11/k. (Miss Venetia Wäharns) Tote: £230; £130; £130; £230 £35 CSF; £230 £35 CSF; £230 £37 CSF; £370 KSF; £16 Shoes £16 Kéens; £160 £370 KSF; £16 Shoes £16 Kéens; £160 £370 KSF; £160 Shoes £16 Kéens; £160 £370 KSF; £160 Shoes £16 Kéens; £160 £370 KSF; £160 £3 CHIO. NR: No Shoes No News. 3.55: 1. MAJOR BELL (T Reed) 7-2 jt (av 2. Carlingtord Gale 11-2; 3. Unguided Mis-sile 4-1 B ran. 7-2 It fav The Last Fling. 3%. 2%: [A Whitans]. Tote: £450; £250. £280. DF: £1030. CSF: £1896. DF: \$1090 CSF: \$1896 4.30; 1. SANTA JET (N Hannty) 3-1; 2. Grate Deel Ti-4; 3. Harden Glen 16-1 B ran. 2-1 fav Banker Count (fe8) 27, 2%. (G Moore). Totte: \$4.30; 5130, \$120, \$230, DF: \$530, CSF, \$100, Trucast \$2896, NR. Act b. Time.

5.05: 1. AFTER GRACE (Mr L McGrath) 12-1: 5.08: 1. AFTER GRACE (Mr L McGrath) 12-1; 2. Blaze of Oak 9-4 far; 3. Leafy Grove 50-1 12 ran. 9, 3. (N Mason, Tote): 0:8.30; 53-70. 0:00, 0:8.30. DF E20.60. CSF, CS9-41, Tro-ast, 0:287.34. NR: Pelisander, Placepot: 154.60. Ouadpot: 0:2730 Place 6: 0:43.62. Place 5: 0:46-2.

WINCANTON Gong: Good (Good to Firm in places) 2.00: 1. MY MAN DAN (L. Curmmins) 9-4; 2. Estate Agent 8-11 Sv., 3. Lobster Cottage 20-1 B ran. 2, 24 (B De Hean), Tote: £3.00 £3.00 £12.00 £2.00 DF £14.0 CSF: £3.65. 6-300 1. Norsent Jestiff LAH (R Durwoody) 8-13 tay 2. Cherokee Boy 100-30: 3. Dun-nicks Country 16-1 5 ran. 21. dist. IP 16cholis). Tota: \$160, \$120, \$130. DF: \$140. CSF: \$301. 2.30: 1. KNIGHT TEMPLAR (R Durwoody)

CSF: E30. 3.00: 1. AFON ALWEN (R Widger) 5-2 ji tav: 2. Ayem 14-1, 3. Give And Take 12-1, 10 ran. 5-2 ji fav Mess Ondee (4th) 4, 7. (P Hobbs), Tote: \$4.70; \$180, \$4.70, \$3.50, OF \$24420, CSF: £3713. 2420. CSF: E3733.
3.30: 1. BANJO HILL (O Burrows) 33-1; 2. Ehbefaal 10-1; 3. Regal Gern 14-1; 4. Blue Blazzer 5-1. 16 ran. 3-1 fax Barnane Welk. 1/4, 7 (C Weedon), Tote: CST30; C1430 52-70, 2130. DF: S90450 CSF. E33111. Tricast: E4,440.54 NR: High Summer.
4.00: 1. FAR EAST (O Burrows) 5-1; 2. Nectoneln 20-1; 3. Primitive Streek 14-1. Nectanebo 20-1: 3. Primitive Streek 14-1

8 rgn. 6-4 tay Connaught Cracker (unseated rider). 8. 3. (B De Haan). Tote: £6.50; £1.50, £5.30, £2.80. DF: £162.70. CSF: £73.51. Tncast £13755. 4.30: 1. YORKSHIRE EDITION (R Dunwody) 4-9 fav; 2. For Christie 7-1, 3. Supreme Florie 5-1 B ran. 11, 8. (P Nicholis). Role: £130: £220, £210, DF: £330, CSF: £248. ast £118755. Placepot: £162.50. Qu

FAIRYHOUSE

Gong, Good to Soft
3.55 (3m SI Irish Grand National Handicap
Chase): 1. GLEBE LAD (T P Rudd) 8-1 co
tav: 2. Feathered Leader 12-1; 3. Manus
The Man 8-7 co fav: 4, Risk Of Thunder
14-1 18 ran. 8-1 co tavs Cettic Grant
Papilion. The Quads, 3, 3 (M J O'Bhen).
Tote: 1580, 1170 1280 1240 1650.
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PRIVATEER MATT NEAL STUCK a hlow for the underdogs in the hig-budget world of the British Touring Car Championship, when he took a dramatic win in

the second of the season's opening rounds here. The feat earned him a one-off bonus of

The 6ft 6in Midlander, who has been turned down on nu-

merous occasions in his efforts

to gain a works drive, was elat-

ed after one of the most popu-

lar wins in BTCC history. "It

was like sticking a finger up in

the air at the lot of them and

saying. I can do it'," he said. Neal led the race for the early

laps, but almost blew his

chance during the compulsory

pit-stop. He tried to move offin

second gear, stalled and dropped to fifth place when he

returned to the track. But he

worked his way up the field

again and hunted down the

leader James Thompson's

Third-placed Renault driver

Jason Plato was impressed: "T

Honda over the closing laps.

IF THERE was a faint air of unreality pervading this game, both coaches blamed it squarely on the workload on their players rather than oo their impending meeting at Wembley.

By the standards set in Super League so far this season, this was a lame, bloodless affair, lacking the usual urgency. Dress rehearsals for the Cup final tend to be that way, the failure of the game's decision makers to realise that rugby league in its current form should only be played once a week was surely the higgest factor.

You can take Wemhley out of the equation. It's playing two games in four days that did it," said an angry Graham Mur-ray after his Leeds side had recovered from sleepwalking through the first half to put an end to the only unbeaten record in the game this year. "The play-

RUGBY LEAGUE BY DAVE HADFIELD

London Broncos

tired players out there and that's wheo you get injuries." His opposite number, Dan Stains, whose Broncos have just a four-day turnaround before facing the Super League leaders, St Helens, on Friday night, was equally outspoken about the demands placed on players by squeezing an extra four rounds of competition into

"It detracts from the quality of the product," he said. "What fans want to see is quality games. I believe rugby league is the toughest game in the world: even in boxing you get four or six months to recover."

Marvin Golden evades London Broncos' Steele Retchless during Leeds' 38-12 victory at Headingley yesterday dard they would expect. Twice they fell hehind to moves worked near their line, first

when Shane Millard barged

over and again when Glen Air

- in for the injured Shaun Ed-

wards - put Karle Hammond in. Dean Lawford capitalised on a waltzing run by lestyn Harris for Leeds' first reply and Brad Godden's pass to Francis Cummins left them only two points

"I thought we were a hit untidy in the first half, hut we had a chat at half-time and credit to the lads, they got their second wind," Murray said. A London side lacking Peter

Gill as well as Edwards did oot quite have the expertise to hold on to its advantage. Two minutes into the second half, long passes from Harris and Lawford sent Anthooy Farrell ers were lacklustre, the crowd Leeds' performance in the in arrears at the break, howev- strolling through and Le was lacklustre. You're putting first half fell well below the stan- er unconvincing they had been. hardly looked back again. strolling through and Leeds

Lee Jacksoo's run after catching Air's low kick helped to set up Marvin Golden for the try that took it beyond doubt, before Leroy Rivett embarrassed John Timu with the old wing man's speciality of coming in to draw the marker and then accelerating down the touchline. Harris and Lawford completed a leisurely victory with Harris

finishing with five conversions. While oeither coach would admit to any connection with their appointment oo 1 May, it was London who came away with the fresh scars, their unbeaten record gone as well as a couple of players added to their injury list. Matt Salter is likely to need a lay off to recover from concussion, while Steele Retchless emerged badly battered around the head and face.

Against that, though, Stains retains a lingering hope that Edwards might yet make a miracle recovery for Wembley.

Shaun is a different heast." Leeds Rhinos: St Hilaire; Sterling, Gold-en, Godden, Cummins; Harris, Lawford; Masella, Jackson, Fleary, Moriey, Farrell, Sin-field. Substitutes used: Rivett, McDer-mott. Glanville, Mathlou.

London Broncos: Tollett; Warton, Flem-ing. Thmu, Offah; Hammond, Air; Retch-less, Callaway. Salter, Selbold, Milard, Toshack, Substitutes used: Ryan, Peters.

"I know he hasn't given up hope and neither have I," he said. "The medical opinion is eight to 12 weeks and they know more about it than us, but

was mesmerised by his speed at the end - it was hideous." Neal says that the bonus will be used to pay off the overdraft the Team Dynamics outfit, which runs his 1998 Nissan Primera, has run up over the

winter, though the first call on it would be for "a hig party". Neal's feat went some way to alleviating a disastrous weekend for Nissan. Qualifying day problems left hoth factory cars down the grid, While David Leslie took an excellent fourth place in one race, he failed to finish the other race after a clash with Anthony Reid's Ford, and

his new team-mate, Laurent

Aiello, did not score. Thompson earlier won the shorter Sprint race. He beat fellow front-row starter Neal away from the grid and was never headed. In the early laps Alain? Menu followed him closely, but gradually the Honda eased away. leaving Menu in the revamped Ford Mondeo to defend his positions from Plato, who called off his attack when he found his mir-

ror filled by Leslie's Nissan. Results, Digest, page 21

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ANTHONY SULLIVAN scored a By STEVE WAINWRIGHT hat-trick as St Helens ran in nine tries in thrashing the depleted Bradford Bulls 58-14 to stay at the top of the Super League.

An early try from Bernard Dwyer and two goals by Paul Deacon proved a false dawn as the Bulls led 8-4 after 18 minutes before Saints rallied. They led 20-8 at the break with touchdowns from Fereti Tullagi, Paul Sculthorpe and Sullivan's first effort and then piled on the agony for a Bradford side without five players injured during Thursday's victory over Leeds.

St Helens' coach, Ellery Hanley, was not satisfied. "I was a lit-

tle dirty oo my players for conceding two tries," he said. "However, it was a very impressive effort considering we were back-ing up after a tough clash at Wigan on Good Friday. That victory took a lot out of my players but their concentration was very good and they were tuned in."

Warrington produced a stunning second-half revival to beat Gateshead 23-18 at Wilderspool, maintain their 100 per cent start to the season and stay alongside St Helens at the top.

The winger Jason Roach's second try of the game turned

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the tide for the home team, who had trailed 18-8 midway through the second half. Lee Briers added a penalty before Alan Hunte touched down to level at 18-18, then Briers edged Warrington a point in front with a drop-goal, Gateshead had a try disallowed before Warring-

ton sealed victory with an

injury-time try by Mark Forster.

Wigan had triple cause for celebration at Belle Vue. Not only did they overrun Wakefield Trinity, but in winning 52-22 they chalked up their second half-century score of the campaign. In addition, Denis Betts, the Great Britain second rower,

marked his return from a sixand-a-half month lay-off due to knee surgery by crossing for his 100th career try. Sheffield pulled off a dra-

matic last-minute victory over the bottom club, Hull, when Mark Aston converted a second Karl Lovell try to give his side a 23-21 edge. The former Hull KR winger, Bright Sodje, scored twice for the visitors as they left Hull still searching for their first points of the campaign.

By contrast, Hull KR, the Northern Ford Premiership leaders, lost for the first time this season, when they went down 25-14 at Dewsbury.

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Reid receives belated recall for Scotland STUART REID cannot claim to RUGBY UNION have enjoyed a glittering career at Test level; a Scotland debut BY CHRIS HEWETT against the ruthless islanders

of Western Samoa was hardly the most geotie of introductions and the lack of subsequeot interest from the selectors, who steadfastly ignored him for the oext three and a half years, must have left the try-scoring loose forward with his ego as bruised as his ribs. Happily, the former Boroughmuir and current Leeds captain saw his chances of playing some sort of role in this year's World Cup increase significantly yesterday wheo he was called into Jim Telfer's depleted squad for this weekend's Five Nations finale with France in Paris.

The 29-year-old No 8 is an odds-on favourite to win his secood cap following Eric Peters' sad, not to say agonising, demise last Saturday. Peters fractured a patella in the closing stages of Bath's Premiership victory over Leicester - he will be in plaster for the best part of two mooths - and while he is confident of recovering full fitness in time for this autumn's international showpiece, this remains a heaven-sent opportunity for his understudy.

Reid's chances of making himself part of the Scottish furniture during the 1996 Five Nations were undermined when he broke a leg. He took up the challenge of professionalism by oegotiating a sabbatical from his police career and moving to Leeds on a full-time contract. While the Yorkshire cluh have failed to make their expected impact on this season's Premiership Two campaign, Reid has been an influential and consistent performer.

Injuries have forced Telfer to pull in two other forwards, both from Newcastle. George Graham is promoted as a direct result of the broken leg suffered by Tom Smith during the victory over Ireland 17 days ago he will start among the re-placements - while Doddie Weir, still one of the most reliable line-out forwards in Europe, acts as cover for Scott Murray, the form forward of the championship. However, Murray is expected to recover from damaged ribs in good time to face the Tricolores.

England, meanwhile, were

carrying out an urgent casualty check of their own yesterday as the walking wounded assembled for this Sunday's Grand Slam rumble with the Welsh at Wemhley. Happily from the point of view of Clive Woodward, the red rose coach, both Jonny Wilkinson and Jeremy Guscott were full of positive vibes, despite the minor

calamities that beset them over the weekend. Wilkinson, who had his cherubic features comprehensively rearranged in the early stages of Saturday's Tetley's Bitter Cup semi-final between Newcastle and Richmond, was considered a certain starter. "The swelling over my eye has gone right down to almost nothing over the last couple of

days," he said. "I should be perfectly all right." Guscott's hamstring was still giving some cause for paranoia - in the absence of Paul Grayson, Will Greenwood and Phil de Glanville, England simply cannot afford any more cry-offs from their midfield but the man himself was very nearly as bullish as his young

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Blaisdell issues a Storm warning

ICE HOCKEY By IAN PARKES

MIKE BLAISDELL, the Nottingham Panthers coach, believes Manchester Storm could struggle to meet the newly

imposed salary cap for next season's Sekonda Superleague. In an effort to make teams more financially viable and to prevent them from going bust - with Sheffield Steelers' forthcoming liquidatioo a case in point - Superleague officials have imposed a £500,000 limit oo wages for oext season. But Blaisdell realises the financial managers of the league's eight teams will have difficulty this summer in trying to sign key players and keep within the

wage structure. Storm are believed to have the largest player budget in the league and Blaisdell acknowledged their dilemma in the aftermath of his side's 2-1 Superleague Play-off Trophy defeat to Cardiff Devils at the MEN Arena in Manchester on Sunday night. He said: "I don't know how many slots they [Storm] have left hut I would imagine they are either going to sign some very cheap guys

or they woo't be under the wage cap.
"If they've already signed 10 of their premier players then I can guarantee those guys aren't going to come back to Manchester with a pay-cut," he said. "As for ourselves, you can take a chance, go with a shorter bench, sign some good players and pay them good money and hope you don't pick

Ivan Matulik's two goals for the Devils in the Play-off Trophy final eclipsed Mark Kolesar's coosolation for Nottingham, who suffered another night of agony after losing to the Sheffield Steelers in the Challenge Cup final two weeks ago.

up a lot injuries."

King's win brings rich reward

MARY KING and her great 16-year-old, King William, galloped their way to another impressive victory yesterday. wheo they won the Pedigree Chum Masters section of the Horse Trials here. It was the latest of the pair's four outings this year in which they have gained

two wins, a second and a third. "Tve been having trouble with his waistline, so I thought that this run would slim him down a bit before be goes to Saumur in three weeks' time." King said. She was oot thinking of the £1,000 first prize (a tempting reward by normal one-day event standards) as King William used his long groundeating stride on the sunny hills EQUESTRIANISM

BY GENEVIEVE MURPHY in Ston Easton

of this lovely parkland. "It only came into my mind as we went through the finish," she said. Matt Ryan, the 1992 Olympic

champion from Australia, said that thoughts of the prize money prompted him to push on faster than he might have done for a lesser reward with Kibah Sandstone, with whom be finished seventh at Burghley last year. He eventually finished second. just ahead of David Herron on Custom Todden (who had the fastest cross-country time) and the reigning world and Olympic

champion, New Zealand's Blyth Tait on Welton Envoy.

King's two top horses, Star Appeal and King Solomon, sustained leg injuries last year and are due to be scanned again early next mooth. All being well, they will compete again in July before going to either Burghley or the European Championships.

Mark Todd started yesterday with a ducking when Aberjack lost his footing in deep water (the level was subsequently reduced) but he had luckily come equipped with the dry clothes in which he later rode both Dazzling Light and Eyespy II to Open Intermediate victories. Results, Digest, page 21

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MOTOR SPORT BY NICK PHILLIPS at Dunington Park

Australia 303 & 89-2 West Indies 222 ENERGISED BY Glenn Mc-Grath's pace as howler and fielder, Australia wasted no time in rounding off the West Indies' first innings and earning a significant lead of 170 on the third day of the fourth and final Test here yesterday. The tourists bowled out the

West Indies out for 222 and, mid-way through the afternoon session, had made steady progress to 89 for 2, leaving them ample time to press for the victory they need to square the series 2-2 and retain the Frank Worrell Trophy they have jealously held since 1995.

On a pitch that has not changed its favouritism to the batsmen from the start, they bad to guard against their second-innings collapse to 146 in Bridgetown a week ago that opened the way for the astonishing, one-wicket West Indies victory in the third Test. Captain Brian Lara'a obvi-

ous, stated but overly optimistic hope for the West Indies, starting the day on 197 for 6, was for his last four wickets to "bat through the first two sessions". Unfortunately they did not make it to halfway through the first

McGrath, Australia's fastest and most penetrative bowler, plucked out Nehemiah Perry's off-stump with a perfectly pitched in-swinger in the third over of the day. In the next over, Curtly Ambrose's ambitious slog off Stuart MacGill's googly

a troubled journey from Pak-

istan, their tour manager, David

Lloyd, was talking up the

prospects of a player wbo

appears to be coming into form

of the World Cup squad begin

their Sharjah campaign tomor-

Andrew Flintoff and the rest

at precisely the right time.



Lara's hopes take tumble

The Australian wicketkeeper Ian Healy runs out Carl Hooper during the fourth Test against the West Indies in Antigua yesterday

leaving Carl Hooper the responsibility of squeezing out as many runs as be could with only the fast bowlers, Corey Collymore and Courtney Walsh, to come.

McGrath again spoiled the plan. Seeking to retain the strike from Collymore, Hooper tried to convert a stroke to fineleg off MacGill into two runs but, no longer as feline or as fast as he once was, found himself at least a foot short of his crease as McGrath's

to postpone their scheduled net

on his team-mates during the

training camp in Lahore, smash-

ing his international colleagues

for 112 off 67 balls playing for La-

Flintoff made a huge impact

practice after a delayed flight.

came over the stumps to wicketkeeper Ian Healy. It was the 10th time in Tests

that Hooper had been run out and it left McGrath with the formality of completing the innings with his third wicket - and his 27th in the series - as Walsh got his leg in front of middle stump to a straight ball.

The West Indies faced another difficult game of catch-up cricket. Almost three full days remained and, while they fought back from as deficit of

team because be will be a dan-

World Cup, Michael Atherton,

has criticised the swift manner

in which he was dropped from

the squad, saying be should

One player who will miss the

gerous player."

miracles are not common in Test cricket.

They claimed an early wicket when Greg Blewett, aiming across the line as be is inclined to do, was plainly lbw to Ambrose for seven. But they seemed prepared to play for time. Lara setting defensive fields and using Jimmy Adams' left-arm spin to a leg-stump line with heavy leg-side protection.

As Michael Slater and Justin Langer settled in, Lara was obliged to change the plan when

Lloyd said: "The big plus from fitness. "In truth, everything Warne had said that he would this trip has been Flintoff's form. came round a bit too soon," be reconsider his international

been a more understanding ap-

proach from the England and

Australia's chairman of se-

lectors, Trevor Hohns, has urged

Shane Warne to fight to regain

his Test place despite the play-

Wales Cricket Board."

was hurt by a leg-side delivery from Adams, who himself donned the gloves. Soon after, Ambrose made a second breakthrough, clean bowling Slater, who had looked well-set on 44. Third day, Australia won toss
AUSTRALIA - First Imnings 303 (5
R Waugh 72no. J L Langer 51; C E L
Ambrose 5-94).
WEST INDIES - First Innings
(Overnight; 197 for 6)

future after the World Cup, hav-

ing being left out of Australia's

team for the fourth Test against

natural when people suffer a dis-

appointment that they're going

to show it. But knowing Shane

be certainly won't make any

However, Hohns said: "It's

the West Indies in Antigua.

Bowling: McGrath 27.2-9-64-3 [nb3]; Dale 18-7-67-2 (nb2); Miller 17-5-39-2 (nb1); MacGill 14-3-52-2.

Fall: 1-15, 2-77,
To bat: '5 R Waugh, RT Ponting, †I A
Healy, A C Dale, C R Miller, 5 C G MacGin,
G O McGrath.

Bowling: Ambrose 9-3-12-1; Walsh 10-3-23-1 [nb1]: Hooper 8.4,-1-20-0 [1w]: Adams 4.2-2-7-0; Collymore 9-0-28-0,

rash decisions and I'm confident

and off-spinner Muttiah Mu-

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ly have been included in Sri

Lanka's World Cup squad Jaya-

suriya has been out since break-

Sri Lanka squad,

ing his arm two months ago.

Opener Sanath Jayasuriya

that he'll fight back."

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AUSTRALIA - Second Innings

Umpires: 5 A Bucknor (WI) and D L Orchard SAI.

Japan

Kano, Nigeria, yesterday.

the Cameroon goalkeeper Car-

dribbling, and won the match

with two goals from Gaspard

Komol, the winner coming in

In Group F, Zambia came

from behind twice against Hon-

duras and then went on to win

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BY WYN GRIFFITHS

issues a Storm warning

HOCKEY

AS ENGLAND arrived here after BY MYLES HODGSON

in Sharjah

crossbar.

safe, when Karen Brown pushed the ball bome.

There was good news from the other venues as England's A Division status was retained. Beeston beat Minsk 2-0 in Amsterdam in the men's Club Championship, with goals from Paul Sheardown and Craig Keegan, while in Terrassa, Spain, Clifton beat Vaivorvkste-Gintra from Lithuania 3-0 in the women's Cup-Winners' Cup. Glasgow Western also maintained Scotland's position with

unfortunately in my position you have to."

Davis's opponent in the next round will be Michael Judge. who beat the world No 17. Dominic Dale, Dubliner Judge, a wild card in the recent Irish Masters, came back from 3-0 down to deny the 1997 Grand Prix champion 5-4.

O'Brien, the provisional world No 18, survived a last-frame decider against the world No

John Higgins began the defence of his title with a 5-0 drubbing of Wolverhampton's John Read.

"I bave only been going through the motions in practice because I want to make sure I'm fresb for Sheffield," the world champion and No 1

Higgins struggled only to win the final frame after making breaks of 35, 32, 59, 93 and 82. He continues his defence against Ulsterman Terry Murphy. a 5-1 winner over Mario Guedens of Belgium.

SAILING

4-3 in their opening game. Honduras's Maynor Suazo hit the net first in the 11th minute hut Zambia pounced hack with an qualiser from Gift Kambamba in the 19th. Julio Leon pushed Honduras ahead again in the RED FUNNEL EASTER CHALLENGE 41st minute only to see Bernard Makufi match it seconds before the break. Makufi scored again from a low, driving shot outside the box in the 60th minute. Ronald Mhambara clinched the fourth in the 82nd minute from a header while Suazo claimed another for Honduras a minute

hefore the end.

Having been reduced to to 10 men, Mali nevertheless pulled off a surprise 2-1 win against Uruguay, with Mahamadou Dissa snatching the winner with a cheeky chip shot in the final seconds. Abdoulage Camara had headed Mali ahead on 51 minutes, hut three minutes later Uruguay equalised when Ernesto Chevanton sidefooted the ball in from eight yards. But Dissa's last-minute lob ensured that the South Americans took nothing from

Stam fillip

their quarter-final success over

Inter. "I think this team is

express themselves and make

While the spirit is upbeat in

the United camp, all is not well

with Juventus. The Serie A

side, who have appeared in the

last three European Cup finals.

have stumbled through to the

semi-finals, winning just two of

race for the domestic champi-

onship and although the coach,

Carlo Ancelotti, has improved

the cluh's fortunes during his

two months in charge, they

lost 1-0 at bottom-placed Empoli

Ferguson's brother Martin

watched the game and the

United manager is not reading

too much into that result. "It will

he a different team altogether

on Wednesday," be said. "They

had five players out on Satur-

day and we are preparing for a

hard game on Wednesday."

They are well adrift in the

their eight games.

on Saturday.

JAAP STAM and Ryan Giggs have recovered from injury to enhance Manchester United's By DAVID ANDERSON prospects in tomorrow's European Cup semi-final first-leg enthe camp is great and we're all counter against Juventus. The looking forward to this week." pair were declared fit by man-In particular, Ferguson feels ager Alex Ferguson after trainhis side have taken heart from

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Giggs and

Both players missed Saturday'a 1-1 draw at Wimbledon, improving and I think beating with Stam troubled by an ankle Inter Milan helped them a lot." he said. "That brought them on injury and Giggs suffering from a hamstring complaint. Their a great stride and now it's just return means Ferguson will a matter of them being able to have all his playing resources to draw from for the game at Old Trafford. "We've got a full sure their concentration remains good." squad to pick from," he confirmed. Jaap trained this morning as did everyone and we've got a clean bill of health."

ing with the squad yesterday.

Just like they were against Internazionale in the quarterfinals, United are in fine shape going into their biggest week of the season. Ferguson's trehlechasers remain four points clear at the bead of the Premiership and on Sunday meet Arsenal in the FA Cup semifinal at Villa Park

Ferguson is confident his players will once again rise to the challenge. "The feeling among the players is very good and they have proved them-selves this season, What belps, of course, is that we've got a good, strong squad," he said. "We've not had a long injury

list and pray and touch wood it remains that way. The spirit in

Cameroon Bologna cubs feast worry as Signori struggles

CAMEROON SUGGESTED that their nation's footballing future

may be bright with a winning BOLOGNA, WHOSE last start to their World Under-20 appearance in a European Cbampionship campaign in semi-final was 38 years ago, are ready to write another compelling chapter in their suc-cessful Uefa Cup story when Their Group E opponents. Japan, took a surprise lead in hen Nachim Takahara slotted the ball past leg of the semi-finals today.

The Serie A side, who were in Serie C four years ago, have los Kameni, the youngest player in the tournament at 15. reached the last four the hard But generally Japan were outway after playing in the Inclassed by the indomitable lion tertoto Cup last summer, and cubs of Cameroon, who protheir veteran coach, Carlo Mazduced dazzling footwork and zooe, is expected to field a defensive line-up.

Giuseppe Signori, who usually partners Sweden's Kennet Andersson in attack, is hattling to recover from an injured left knee and is "very doubtful." Mazzone said. The midfield will he led by the experienced Giancarlo Marocchi and the powerful Swede Klas Ingersson.

The Marseilles coach, Rolland Courbis, has declined to name his side, hut defender Patrick Blondeau may not be fit enough despite recovering from a knee injury. William Gallas could take his place. In midfield, Courbis will have

to choose between Eric Roy and Frederic Brando, while Pierre Issa should start in defence. In the other semi, the Atleti-

co Madrid coach, Raddy Antic. could be forgiven for feeling a sense of deja vu as he prepares to meet Parma. Antic was in charge last year

when Atletico lost out to Lazio at the same stage, a result that spelled the end of his three-year reign at the club, though he returned last month.

Recent signing Giorgio Venturin is ineligible after playing for Lazio in the Cup-Winners' Cup earlier this season and Oscar Mena is likely to replace him in the midfield. Parma will be without the suspended defender Fahio Cannavaro.

Wright's return date

IAN WRIGHT is poised to return two countries and described the to first-team action in the Pre- offer, made last March by the miership game against Derby at Upton Park on 17 April. The West Ham United strik-

er has been suffering from a knee injury in recent weeks but is scheduled to start his comeback in tomorrow's reserve encounter at Southend.

Meanwhile, South Africa have refused to withdraw their bid to host the 2006 World Cup despite a German offer to back them for the 2010 tournament.

Sam Ramsamy, a South

German Interior Minister, Otto Schily, as "insane".

So far eight countries - Germany South Africa, England, Brazil, Ghana, Egypt, Morocco and Nigeria - have all bid for the 2006 tournament. Real Madrid's Predrag

Mijatovic bas appealed to the Spanish club not to take action against him for boycotting Sunday's league match against Alaves in protest at Nato air strikes against his borneland.

"They mustn't punish me... Committee member said there or any other person in my situation," said the Montenegrin.

Bronze for sloppy Slough Davis advances his cause

SPORTING DIGEST

Lloyd takes heart at form of Flintoff

It has given a lift to the whole said. "I think there could have

ROTTWEISS COLOGNE won the women's European Club Championship in the Netherlands yesterday in a remarkable steal from the host club. Den Bosch, wbo had led 2-0. The Germans came back to score twice in the closing five minutes and then win the penalty shoot-out 3-1, with Scotland's Susan Gilmour scoring both the equalising goal and winning penalty.

Slough took the bronze medal by beating Edinburgh Ladies 2-0. Julia Robertson, with a goal after 57-seconds. gave Slough the perfect start as

ATHLETICS

Linford Christie was forced to pull out of Easter sprint handicap in Mel-bourne yesterday. The 1992 Olympic

100 metres champion was due to run in the semi-finals but suffered a back-related hamstring injury after his two races on Sunday.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AFL: Port Adelaide I 7.12 (114) Fremante 15.11 (101): 5t Kilda 19.16 (130) Mel-bourne 13.6 (84): Western Bulldogs 20.14 (134) Geelong 24.11 (155): Rich-mond 15.18 (108) Sydney 13.18 (96): Hawthorn B, 8 (56) Adelaide 8.12 (60): West Coast 11.17 (83) Brisbane 11.7 (73).

BASEBALL

The Colorado Rockies won the first

The Colorado Rockies won the first major league game ever played in Medco, beating the World Series runners-up, the San Diego Padres a-2 in Estadio Monterrey yesterday. It was the first time baseball had launched its season with a game outside the United States and Canada.

MLB: National League: San Diego 2 Colorado a (at Monterrey, Mexico).

BASKETBALL

NBA: Washington 79 Miami 90; Indiana 108 New York 95; Seartle 101 Houston 84; Roronco 97 Philadelphia 82; Chicago 88 Vancouver 27; Cleveland 98 Milwaintee 74; Denwer 82 LA Clippers 80; Arlanta 85 Charlotte 33; Boston 79 New Jersey 91.

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(Fleetwood) 21-12; P Garriside (5t Helens) bt A Williams (Leigh) 21-10; N Waklie
(Blackpool) bt A Green (Pudsey) 21-20;
M Hewitson (Utite Singleton) bt O Roylance (St Helens) 21-11; W Holdsworth
(Pudsey) bt G Barnett (Swinton) 21-19;
M Holcroft (Blackpool) bt C McEgan
(Prescott) 21-17; R Parry (Burton) bt M
Hogarth (Lytham) 21-20; G Hilton (Worsley) bt D Burne (Irlam) 21-13.

CRICKET

BY BILL COLWILL in 's-Hertogenbosch

row against Pakistan, but had to hore Gymkhana last week, and have been given time to prove his er's talk of possible retirement.

she slipped the ball past Morag O'Neil after the goalkeeper had saved well from Mandy Nicholson and Jane Smith had lashed the ball against the

Slough then slipped back into their bad habits of earlier games with careless passing and poor finishing, and it was not until 47 minutes into the match that they made the game

don Phantom (A O'Connor, Iri) 49: 2 Gold-mill (V Koss, US) 50: 3 Springleaze Macaroo (5 Long) 61. Open Intermediate witnesses Section Rt Dazzling Ught (M Rodd, NZ). Section J: Eyespy II (Rodd). WORLD CUP OUALIFIER (Aarhus, Den): 1 Ipikiano (M Gretzer, Swe) 00 faults in 26.89sec; 2 V Flower 111 (E van der Vieuren, Neth) 00 in 29.55: 3 Nissan High Valley (J Lansink, Neth) 00 in 29.77; 4 Travidsta Nustra (P Charles, Iri) 00 in 29.83; 5 Equest Carnuce (T Velin, Den) 00 in 30.14; 6 Power Light (A Polimann Schweckhorst, Ger) 00 in 31.19. 10= Virtusl Village It's Otto (G Bülington,GB) and Travidsta Renville (J Fisher, GB) 4 faults in 1st round.

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HOCKEY

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT (Buenos Aires) Final: Argentina 2 England 1.

SUITAN AZLAN SHAH CUP (Kuala Lumpur): South Korea 5 Canada 2; New Zealand 2 Pakistan 5; Malaysia 3 Germany

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EUROPEAN CUP-MINNERS' CUP A Di-vision (Ausstelveen). Sth-Sth: Ulic (Fr) 7 Three Rock Rovers (Ir) 1; Beeston 2 Minsk (Bela) 0. 3rd-Ath: KS Poctowiec (Pol) 2 Ekaterinburg (Rus) 1. Filial: Amsterdam 2 Athletic Terrassa 2 (Amster-

Barnaul from Russia.

STEVE DAVIS may be unsure of his status next season, but the world No 14 says he is "gearedup" to staying in the top 16 for a 20th successive year. His 5-2 victory over Darren Clarke in the British Open at Plymouth vesterday will do his cause no harm.

"I'm not a mathematician and you need to be at least A level standard to understand our ranking system," he said. "But there are about six players chasing the final four places. I try not to play the rankings game because it's sad hut

dam won 3-1 aps). (Ireland and Belarus relegated to the B Division).

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S CLUB CHAM-PIONSHIP (Den Bosch) A Division.

Sth-Beh: Slavia Praha (Cz Rep) 0 Ritm Grodno (Bela) 1: Moskva Prava (Rus) 0 Kolos Borispol (Bur) 4. 3rd-4th: Slough 2 Edinburgh 0 Finati: Rot-Welss Colone (Ger) 2 Den Bosch 2 (Rot-Welss won 3-1 aps). (Russia and Czech Reputhe relejated to B Division).

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NERS' CUP (Terrassa) A Division: 5th-Rute Glasgow Western 1 Valvorylste (Luft) C: Clifton 3 Konsunalschik Barnaul (Pus) O. 3rd-4th: Oinamo Surny (Ukr) 3 CD Ter-rassa (Sp) O. Finals Amsterdam 3 Berliner I. (Lithunala and Russia relegated to 3 Division).

ICE HOCKEY

SERONDA SUPERLEAGUE PLAY-OFF Final: Nottingham 1 Cardiff 2 NHL: Dallas 0 Detroit 3: New Jersey 4 NY Rangers 1.

MOTORCYCLING

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BRITISH SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP (Thruston): Round Three: 1
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Walker 22:23.719; 3 Bayliss 22-23-933,
Championship standings; 1 Haydon
81pts: 2 Walker 76; 3 Bayliss 63,
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Championship standings: 1 Jennings
50pts: 2 Patrickson 33: 3 Green 33
BRITISH 250CC CHAMPIONSHIP
Round Time: 1 \$ Norval ISAI Helphire

Round Two: 1 S Norval (SA) Helphire Honda 24:19.390; 2 J McGuinness (GB)

Vinto Honda 4:19,704; 3 / Robinson (UB) JR Honda 24:20,094. Championship standings: 1 Robinson 41pts: 2 McGuin-ness 40; 3 Norval 25.

BRITISH SUPERSPORT 600 CHAM

PIONSHIP Round Two: 1 J Crawfold (GB) Clarion Suzuki 24:33.714; 2 S

Another Irishman, Fergal

105 Anthony Bolsover, while Plater (G8) Sanyo Honda 24 33 863 3 O Thomas (Aus) BH Yamaha 24 34 132 Championship standings: 1 Plater 45pts: 2 Crawford 41 prs. 3 K Muggeridge 33.

MOTOR RACING
AUTO TRADER BRITISH TOURING
CAR CHAMPIDNSHIP (Donlington
Park): Round One 1 J Thompson 16B:
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3 J Plato (GB) Renault Lagina +4 051
4 0 Leslie (GB) Nissan Primera +4 662
Round Two: 1 Neal 44 02 088 2
Thompson +5.775; 3 Plato +7 324 43
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5 V Radermecker (Bel) Volvo 540
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Drivers: 1 Thompson 29pts, 2 Neal 23
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3 Renault 25; 4 Vauzhall 17, 5 Ford 12 MOTOR RACING

RUGBY UNION

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VOLVO RVA NATIONAL CHAMPI-ONSHIPS (Grafham Water): Men: 420 (after 2 races): 1 R Watson and M Eliis Spts. 2 B Field and J Holmes 10. 3 N Baker and I Clitton 10. 4 1 Martin and C Martin 11. 5 C Hepplewhite and P Marshall 13 Laser Radial (after 2 races): 1 P Guiffins 2pts. 2 G Blake 8: 3 T Hulse 8: 4 S Matley-Jones 12. 5 L Chapman J2 Women: 420 (after 2 races): 1 H Brown and J Scott 15pts: 2 C Bassudone and H Mayhew 19: 3 N Barnes and J Marshall 26: 4 V Rawlin-son and 8 Pasyllnson 27, 5 S Blair and T Smith 34 Laser Radial (after 2 races): 1 B Holt 33pts; 2 K Archer 39: 3 B Ly-goe 56. 4 J Kneale 92. 5 N Lloyd 95 SNOOKER SNOCKER
BRITISH DPEN (Plymouth) First
round: B Jones (Eng) bt N Bond (Eng)
5-3. J Higgins (Sco) bt J Read (Eng) 5-0:
T Murphy (IA Iri) bt M Geudens (Bel) 5-1:
G Wilkinson (Eng) bt I Brumby (Eng) 5-4:
J Parrott (Eng) bt I Waller (Wal) 5-4:
Davis (Eng) bt D Clarke (Eng) 5-2:
F O Brien (Iri) bt A Bolsover (Eng) 5-4: M
Judge (Iri) bt D Cale (Wal) 5-4.

RUGBY UNION
SCOTLAND SQUAD (v France, Five
Nations' Championship, Stade de
France, Saturday): Backs: G Armstrong (Newcasile, Capi), C Chalmers
(Edinburgh Reivers), I Fairley [Edinburgh
Revers), J Lesile (Glasgow Caledonians)
R Logan (Wasps), S Longstaff [Glasgow Caledonians), G Metzalfe (Glasgow
Caledonians), C Mourray (Edinburgh
Reivers), A Tait (Edinburgh Revers), G
Townsend (Brue) Forwards: S Brotherstone [Edinburgh Peners), G Bulloch
(Glasgow Caledonians) D Burnell (London Scottish), G Graham [Newcastle),
S Grimes (Glasgow Caledonians) O
Hilton (Bath), & Lesile [Edinburgh
Reivers), S Murray (Bedford), B Pountney (Northampton), A Reed (Wasps),
S Reid (Leeds), P Walton [Newcastle],
D Weir [Newcastle] TETLEY'S BITTER COUNTY CHAM-

PIONSHIP: North and Midlands League One Cumbria 16 Norts Lincs and Derby 30 League Two: Chesnire 23 Lancashire 7 South League One: Gloucestershire 34 Surrey 24, League Two: Berkshire 12 Sussex 24 League Four; Buckinghamshire 8 Somerser 44.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL 7.30 unless stated UEFA CUP SEMI-FINALS FIRST-LEG Acietico Madrid v Parma (8.30) Marsellies v Bologna (7.45) FR CARLING PREMIERSHIP Arsenal v Blackburn (7.45) ...

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NATIONWIDE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION
Brighton v Cambridge Utd (7.45)
Shrewsbury v Hartlepool (7.45) BANK OF SCOTLAND SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE dee Utd v Hearts (7.45) SCOTTISH LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

Limavadý Učd; Ballyclare v Bangoi Distiliery v Lame (3.0). LEAGUE OF WALES: Inter Cable Tel v Bar

Brom (7.0). League Cup Semi-final Stockport v 8:adford (7.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE Halifa» v Sallord (7 30) NORTHERN FORD Premiership Brumley v Doncaster (7 30)

OTHER SPORTS

The Federation Cup match between the United States and Croatia will be played at the Raleigh Racquet Club in North Carolina on 17-18

> Zagreb but the International Tennis Federation decided to move the tie because of the volatile situation in nearby Kosova. DAVIS CIP: American zone Group Two, first round: (Havana): Cuba 4 Hairi I (Santa Domingo): Peru 4 Caminican Republic 1 Demonstrate Republic 1
> HDNG KONG MEN'S DPEN: First round: K Carlson (Den) bt M Rodriguez (Arg. 6-16-4, C Mamiit (US) bt 5 Lareau (Can. 7-5-6-3.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER NATIONAL TROPHY: Easter 57 Reading 33 Postponed: Workington v Stoke (waterlogged track) Sunday's late result: Herrcastle 51 Charactic 3

Glasgow 39
CRAVEN SHIELD: Peterborough 51

Cwford 39 SINDAY'S LATE RESULT: MA Trophy second leg: Swindon 50 Newport 40

TENNIS

Annit, it was due to be played in

(C.m) 7-5-6-3.
INDIAN OPEN (Madras): First round: A lite: (Aus.) bt D Van Scheppingen (Neth) 6-3-3-6-6-2. M Tillstrom [Swe] bt O Star cytchev (Bul) 6-4-6-4 G Ettis (Arg) bt N Behr (Ist) 7-6-ret. A Zingman (Arg) ct P Wassan (Neth) 7-5-6-4: G Carras (Fr) ht L Mor (Ist) 3-6-1-6-3. O Fukakek (Cz R-p) bt N Godwin (SA) 4-6-1-1 ret: V S-miopadre (ri) to G Grant (US) 2-6-6-3-5-4-7 Van Lottom (Neth) bt J Empsched (Ger) 6-3-6-4

African International Olympic would be no deal hetween the

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Mahanama, H Tillekerathe.

Cyclebank v Morton
RYMAN LEAGUE Second Division:
Tooting & Mitcham v Met Police. Third Division: Chapton v East Thurrock Littl: Lewis v Camber ey Town. UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES

ARNOTT INSURANCE NORTHERN LEAGUE First Division: Chester Le Street v West Auckland: Easington v Stockton. SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE Presiden Division: Backwell Utd v Caine Town

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SNOOKER: British Open for Physicalin TENNIS: National Championships (16 and under) (at Tellord)

Advocaat angered by dithery defence

tions and their wide men. Neil

McCann and Andrei Kanchel-

DICK ADVOCAAT, the Rangers By SIMON STONE manager, has cribcised bis defenders for the over-elaborate football that could scupper the club's title aspirations.

Advocaat's side now hold only a six-point advantage over Celtic after they lost 3-1 at St Johnstone on Sunday night. All they had to show for dominating most of the match was home side back in front. a second-balf beader from Craig Moore against a side they bammered seven past on their last visit to Perth.

vic's knock-back to put the Kieran McAnespie's injurytime third rubbed salt into the Rangers wounds and, although Advocaat still believes his side

will take the title in May, his

captain, Jim Weir, opening the

score in the 13th minute. After

Moore, back from his spell at

Crystal Palace, had equalised

more slack defensive work

allowed the substitute Miguel

Simao to seize on Nick Daso-

players need to heed a few parsh words.

The Dutchman complained that Saints had created only four chances but had scored three times, "Everyone knew who they were supposed to take at the free-kick which led to their first goal and the second was even worse," he said. Sometimes I have a feeling that my defenders want to do things in a nice way that looks good. I'm not interested in what

from the goal. Our defensive

work was very poor and that newspaper reports linking shouldn't bappen at this level." Rangers with Hakan Sukur, Rangers have lost twice on Galatasaray's £13m-rated Turkthe trot and Advocaat must

ish international striker. now raise his players to take on "As for Sukur, I don't know St Johnstone again, in the Scottish Cup semi-final at Celtic where he lives or what he looks Park on Sunday. like," he said in dismissing the reports. "It is unfair to our fans They will need to find a cutto keep bringing these players ting edge. Only Rod Wallace and Jorg Albertz came close to up. You might as well say we are matching their exalted reputa-

going to sign Ronaldo." The St Johnstone manager, Sandy Clark, was delighted to looks nice, I want the ball away skis, endured miserable have avenged that 7-0 humiliation. "It bas kept being

tell people the circumstances that night were exceptional." The entire Saints rearguard

could take immense satisfacbon from a near-perfect display. Despite Rangers' territorial dominance, there always seemed to be a body in the way to quell the danger. Their goalkeeper Alan Main was at fault in failing to collect the corner from which Moore scored from Tony Vidmar's knock-back, but otherwise be did his international claims no harm under the

Advocaat was also upset by brought up but I have tried to watchful eye of the Scotland coach, Craig Brown.

The victory kept Saints on course to finish the season in the top three, although they would accept they are not the equals of the two Glasgow clubs. "Rangers have some incredible players that frighten the life out of you," Clark said. "When you spend £34m you get some of the best players in the world. We have really done well to beat them and I just want all my players to enjoy

Teesside levived revived by raider Ricard

BY SCOTT BARNES

Middleshrough Wimbledon

MEANINGLESS IT might have

urday, started in the 32nd second. The ball ballooned off Hamilton Ricard's bead and as it fell, apparently harmlessly, just outside the area, the Colombian hit it spectacularly on the half-turn into the top right-hand corner.

Neil Sullivan looked stunned but then came the onslaught, spearheaded by Robbie Mustoe. Twice in five minutes the midfielder burst clean through to face Sullivan. He placed his first shot wide and his second was deflected by Dean Blackwell for a corner. But it was no saving tackle, for when Andy Townsend slung over the third of a series of kicks, Keith O'Neill nodded it on and Gianluca Festa stooped at the far

post to score. With Paul Gascoigne running with menace, Ricard showing a full South American repertoire of skills and O'Neill. making his first start after his £700,000 move from Norwich, displaying full-blooded enthusiasm, Wunbledon's defenders were at full stretch.

Yet they should have coped with the third. Boro's Colin Cooper made his intention abundantly clear in the 29th minute, but still Blackwell allowed the long ball to clear him. With Sullivan caught in two minds and no-man's land. Ricard delicately lobbed the ball over the keeper for his 17th goal of the season.

The scoreline would have done nothing for Joe Kinnear's better bealth than it suggested. Festa had to tidy up a John Hartson flick in the sixth minute as Marcus Gayle threatened. Ten minutes later Gareth Ainsworth pulled a presentable chance wide bul he immediately atoned with a 30-yard volley which flirted with the post. Best of all, Hartson nudged the ball off his chest into the path of Robbie Earle's run but

Mark Schwarzer. The rotation of squad players as substitutes in the second half and the complete absence of yellow cards gave the game the feel of a pre-season friendly. Schwarzer was the busier of the keepers, if only because in the 75th minute he had to pick the ball oul of his own net when Carl Cort viciously volleyed home Gayle's touch from close range. But by that time the goal

Middlesbrough (5-3-2): Schwarzer, Stockdale (Vickers, 85), Cooper, Palister, Festa, Gordon, Townsend Isummerbell, 73), Mustoe, Gascagne: Ricard, O'Neill (Maddison, 5w), Substitutes not used: Berestord (gl.), Kinder

MEANINGLESS IT might have been – unless, of course, you count qualification for the Intertoto Cup – but these often mediocre sides, whose midtable respectability means they are immune to any end-of-season excitement, conjured up a first half of great enterprise and invention.

Sadly, the second half had nothing on the first. In fact, it had nothing bar a consolation goal for the visitors, who are now behind Middlesbrough in the pecking order for that valuable Intertoto place.

Middlesbrough, still fresh after their soporific scoreless draw against Blackburn on Saturday, started in the 32nd second. The ball ballooned off

Stuart header grabs lifeline

ON A THRILLING afternoon in BY PETER CONCHIE East London it seems apposite to paraphrase Mark Twain. Reports of Charlton Athletic's death have been exaggerated. After a tense match at Upton . fensive midfield shield was su-Park Alan Curbishley's feisty side leapt three places and out of the relegation zone thanks to a 75th-minute goal from Grabam Stuart

After the match Curbishley revealed that he had employed a more subtle approach than last season's do-or-die Wemb-

'I felt on Saturday it was a bit passionless for a local derby," he said. "We came bere determined today - we had a pre-match at the Valley. I wanted the players to sit in the empty stadium and get the message that to fill it up we need to stay in the Premiership. I think they got the message. I made a couple of changes when we had a couple of injuries and I wondered if I'd done the right thing. It was a fantastic performance. We just needed to get that goal."

It is or, course, too early to say that this result has rescued Chariton's season, but the boost from this determined victory

will be enormous. John Barnes, 36 in November and wearing the No 37 shirt, made his first start for Charlton and had a calming effect if only to encourage them to look up from time to time.

Boto sides should bave scored within the opening five minutes. Andy Hunt had a clear chance within a minute as Charlton pressed forward but West Ham weathered the storm and Paul Kitson was equally wasteful after taking two attempts to beat goal-

Marc-Vivien Foe is turning into the Patrick Vieira figure that the West Ham manager. Harry Redknapp, proclaimed he bad purchased. This is true even to the extent of his regular bookings as the Cameroon international made his awkward presence felt amid the chaptic midfield mire in his marking role on Barnes.

West Ham reverted to 4-4-2 in the absence of the injured Rio Ferdinand. Consequently Foe was also able to advance upfield, given that his role as a de-

extended conclusion to the first half, one containing nine minutes of added play. After a lovely ball from Barnes to substitute Mark Bowen, on for the injured John Robinson, the replacement slid a cross into Stuart, who missed from less

The chance gone, West Ham counterattacked and almost

Charlton Athletic

immediately had the ball in the Charlton net. A fine Frank-Lampard shot had been palmed over his bead by Ilic and although Marc Keller beat the goalkeeper to the rebound be was adjudged to be offside.

clair's cross which flew over.

Kitson threaded the ball through to Di Canio only for replacement Petterson to smother as he rushed from his line. With less than 15 minutes to

perfluous. The match came to life in an

than six yards.

Ilic suffered blows to his

bead and a knee and was taken from the pitch on a stretcher. Andy Petterson taking over, and Paolo Di Canio rounded off overbead kick from Trevor Sin-

was close with a header.

Canio to hit the side netting as Charlton entered a nervous

The second half opened in similarly breathless vein. Bowen's shot was well saved by Shaka Hislop, while Lampard saw a fine effort from 25 yards fly just over the crossbar. For Charlton Hunt's shot was well saved by Hislop and Pringle

West Ham came again as go Chariton were presented

with their Premiership lifeline by besitation from Hislop and his left-back Scott Minto. From a Danny Mills free kick they both hesitated and as the ball bounced Stuart pounced to head Charlton's winning goal. There was still time for Di

Chariton entered a nervous period of added time.

West Ham United (4-4-2): Histop, Ruddock, Peatce, Minto, Lomas; Sinclair, Lampard, Fee, Keller; O Canio, Nitson (Berkoir; 81) Substitutes not used: Fortest (g-ki, Moncur, Potts, Lazandis, Chariton Athletic (4-4-2): Inc (Perterson 44); Mills, Powell, Rufus, Tiler: Kinsella, Roomson (Bowen 39), Barnes, Stuart, Pringle, Hung (Jones 84), Substitutes not used: Youds, Bright Referee: S Ounn (Birstol).



Ince incensed by the official line

PIERRE VAN HOOLJDONK'S stoppage-time free-kick salvaged a point for Nottingham Forest and denied a lackadaisical Liverpool victory as a match of only sporadic incident ended amid controversy.

Paul Ince, who had been less than his usual impassioned self up to that point, had to be pulled away from the referee. Dermot Gallagher as the teams left the stir up another fuss and made field after the Banbury official had penalised the Liverpool captain to set up the chance for Forest's equaliser, expertly curled out of David James's reach by the Dutch striker.

Trying to usher the ball away as Forest made a last attempt to prevent a sixth successive bome defeat, Ince stumbled under a challenge five vards outside the Liverpool penalty area and was furious when Mr Gallagher awarded a free-kick against him for handling the ball

as be fell. The position of the kick was perfect for Van Hooijdonk, wbo has few peers in the art of bending the ball around defensive walls and on this occasion be gave James no chance.

BY JON CULLEY Nottingham Forest

After the unwelcome repercussions of Robbie Fowler's latest ill-chosen actions in the Mersevside derby the Liverpool

Liverpool

manager, Gerard Houllier, was understandably reluctant to little comment on the incident preferring to blame his team for

THE LIVERPOOL manager.

Gerard Houllier, last night

added his apology to that of

Robbie Fowler as the Anfield

club sought to limit the damage

caused by the striker's con-

troversial goal celebration in

last Saturday's Merseyside

Houllier, who had initially dis-

missed Fowler's actions as a

joke with its origins on the

training pitch, admitted he had

made a mistake in doing so. He

had suggested at first that

allowing a winning opportunity to slip from their grasp. "We let ourselves down be-

cause we had chances to kill the Ince by Richard Gough. Ince game and we allowed Forest back." be said. "After Michael Owen's goal put us hack in front we should have kept the lead. But before Forest scored we

should have been 2-0 or 3-0 up." Liverpool had taken the lead after 17 minutes through Jamie Redknapp, whose fine goal stemmed from a free-kick in

tine in which defender Rigobert

Song would take part with

team-mates at Metz, but now

was willing to stand corrected.

television and listened to what

others have said I accent that

I was mistaken in my initial

interpretation," Houllier said.

"What Robbie did was not the

right way to celebrate a goal. I

have spoken to him and made

it clear that I do not want to see

that sort of thing again."

"Having seen the incident on

rolling the ball through Patrik Berger's legs, and Redknapp's strike found a gap. After that goal Liverpool coasted, although there were chances for Fowler, Owen and

more or less the same place as

Van Hooiidonk's. Ironically, this

one was awarded for a foul on

took the kick, wrong-footing

Forest's defensive wall by

Dominic Matteo to give them control. Forest seldom looked

Houllier adds his apology his support for Fowler yesterday, despite joining the condemnation of his behaviour "He was getting a lot of abuse from the Everton fans but he has

> admitted he did the wrong thing and has applopised for it. "Maybe you could say he is a similar case to Eric Cantona with his record of behaviour. Cantona bad a lol of problems in France before he came here but he eventually proved that he could be very successful."

impressive, but drew level 13 minutes into the second half wben a throw-in taken by Alan Rogers was flicked on by Gough and again by Van Hooijdonk before Dougie Freedman bundled it borne.

Forest sensed then that a Liverpool side lacking momentum might just keel over but a misdirected clearance by Gough, who did not enjoy the best of 38th birthdays, allowed Redknapp to ralease Owen with a first-time pass and the young striker had the pace to escape his marker before lifting the ball over and wide of Mark Crossley.

Houllier, who had already taken off Steve McManaman. replaced Fowler with Steven Gerrard, a defender, and that should have been that. But Van Hooiidonk. never reluctant to back his ability from any dead ball, had the last word.

Nottingham Forest 14-3-1-21 Crossley
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Brown's equaliser pins back Preston

STEVE BASHAM gave secondplaced Preston North End the perfect start against fellow Second Division promotion bopefuls Manchester City at Deepdale.

Basham scored the opener in the first minute of the game, but Michael Brown hit back for Joe Royle's side in the 22nd minute to earn a 1-1 draw in front of 20.857 supporters - the biggest Deepdale crowd for a quarter of a century.

While Preston were sharing

the spoils with City, Gillingham made ground, moving up to fifth with a 2-0 victory over Wycombe at Adams Park, Barry Ashby and Carl Asaba getting themselves on the

Stoke failed to significantly further their promotional claims when beld to a 1-1 draw

SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION

BY IAN RODGERS

at Chesterfield. Steve Blatherwick found the net for the first time in four years after 26 minutes before David Oldfield

equalised six minutes later. Wigan remained on course for the seasonal play-offs with a smooth 2-0 victory over struggling Oldham at Springfield Park, Simon Haworth and Carl Bradsbaw securing the points.

As things unfolded elsewhere, Oldham were getting off lightly despite their defeat. Wycombe and Lincoln were both beaten, the latter staying in the relegation mire after Fran Tierney struck the 67th minute winner for Notts County at Sincil Bank.

Next-to-bottom Northampton could only manage a 1-1 draw at Bristol Rovers despite Carlo Corazzin edging them ahead in the sixth-minute. That

lead was wiped out by Gary Penrice's 101st career goal after Ian Hendon was sent off. Burnley's survival chances increased when they hit back from a goal down at Turf Moor to beat Colchester 3-I. An Andy

Payton's brace settled the issue. Neil Harris hit his 18th goal of the season for Millwall to earn his side a 1-0 win over Blackpool at the New Den.

In the Third Division, leaders Cardiff hari to wait until a 74th minute Kevin Nugent penalty to cancel out Colin Alcide's early effort for battling Hull City. The point increased the Bluebirds's lead to three points.

Paul Evans and Gavin

Mahon struck late in the first half as Brentford kept up their promotional push with a 3-1 win over Plymouth at Griffin Park Plymouth's woe was compounded by the dismissal of

in the last minute. Rotherham, now up to fifth. made good ground by beating Swansea 1-0, as Leyton Orient, Mansfield and Halifax were all held to disappointing draws.

Paul Gibbs for serious foul play

Chris Tate's first hat-trick eased Scarborough's relegation fears in a 3-0 win over

Carlisle at the McCain Stadium.

Morgan keeps Fulham flying KEVIN KEEGAN slipped back BY STEVE TONGUE

into the day job yesterday with his magic wand still in good working order Fulham, in truth. were less than magical but still went back - slowly - up the congested M4 with their lead at the top of the Second Division extended to 14 points and enough material to keep the statisticians happy if not the quality

controllers. A 12th away win of the season and a total of 87 points both equalled club records and are likely to be broken before long while, with eight games left, the divisional record of 99 points is comfortably within reach.

Top of the Second Division since December. Fulham have lost this year only to Manchester City in the league and the other Manchester team in the FA Cup, winning 11 and draw- has had plenty of use and Keeing two of their most recent 13 gan said: "With all the money games. The only statistic that there is in football today, you remained unchanged was Geoff just wish they'd spend a bit Horsfield's scoring run. He more on the playing surfaces."

Reading Fulham

eight matches but had that in common with most other players on the pitch. There were perbaps two opportunities to each team in each half, which added up to something less than a feast for the crowd of 18,741 - the sec-

barely had a single opportunity

to add to his 10 goals in the last

decamped to the impressive Madelski Stadium. Keegan could not blame his team's indifferent performance on Easter latigue: this was their first game for 16 days. The Reading pitch, however, shared with Richmond Rugby Club.

Before half-time the home goalkeeper, Scott Howie, put a careless clearance straight to the feet of Paul Trollope, but Barry Hayles mis-cued the midfielder's pass. At the other end there was little to trouble Fulham's German-born Northern Ireland international Maik Taylor, other than Grant Brebner's

header sliding past the post. Reading, needing a victory to clamber back within sight of a play-off place, had matched their visitors in most areas ond highest since Reading until then and should have pulled ahead of them in the 72nd minute. Chris Coleman, stepping forward, failed to play the Liberian international striker Mass Sarr offside and Taylor was forced to make the one

notable save of the afternoon Within six minutes the home side had been harshly punished. Trollope's free-kick from out on the right was flicked on by Hayles and Simon Morgan, a loyal old timer in a team of new

boys on the block volleyed in. Being able to bring in Philippe Albert because of suspensions illustrated Futham's relative strength compared to the rest of the division. Although threatening at set pieces, be looked occasionally uncomfortable as a left wing-back, but Reading could not take advantage. Taylor's handling of crosses

was excellent and, after going behind, the side that Tommy Rurns strengthened with five new players just before deadline day did not look like forcing an equaliser. Fulham supporters, not afraid to flaunt their money nr

never play us again." Not next season anyway. Reading (A.4.-2). Hower Maybury, Prints, Caper, Gray, McClaren (McKeever, 70), Castey, Parkinson, Brebner, Scott, Sart, Substitutes not used: Glasgow, Hunter, Fulham (35-2); Taylor; Simons, Morgan, Caleman, I Smith, Hayward, N. Smith, Rollinge, Albert, Horafield (Lehmann, 88), Hyles (Reschisched, 82). Substitute not used: Collins

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Aston Villa old boys whose careers were launched across the city by Graham Taylor. ANNOLES TO Ship Injury-blighted Tony Daley, who during his time at Villa Park won seven cargon most in:
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to lose a first home game in five months and seeing automatic Birmingham City promotion become a diminish-Watford ing dream, Birmingham City were yesterday undone by two

deal until the end of this season. How the 31-year-old winger repaid his mentor's faith yesterday as he set up Tommy Mooney's first-half header and was then on hand to nod home Mooney's centre.

Other results left Birmingham, who had suffered only one tract, only recently earning a defeat in 17 league games, 10

points behind second-placed under Graham Turner before start of the season, and untroubled. Then in the 58th Ipswich and Watford, four for which Trevor Francis's side

will surely now have to settle. David Holdsworth, on his home debut following his £1.2m signing from Sheffield United, headed in a late reply but Birmingham were again disappointing. With Bolton, due at Vicarage Road this Saturday, on the wane among the top six, Watford are timing their rise neatly

last summer, beading for a trial with Watford. Taylor pulled off a masterstroke at St Andrew's, recalling Daley, who started at Villa

flourishing under Watford's Mooney, who has played most points behind the play-off zone current manager, had been of his games in defence, into a first year of his professional three-man forward line. After 26 given the opportunity to revive his career when Taylor minutes, with Birmingham fans swopped England for Wolves. But, following his £1.25m transfer from Villa, he only started wrong-foot his marker before 16 league games in four years unleashing a far-post centre to which Mooney beat goalkeeper at Molineux and was released Kevin Poole to bead in.

Joseph in 1.50

Martin Grainger had seen a 35-yard left-footer tipped over by Alec Chamberlain but the Watford goalkeeper was largely Daley for only his sixth league

minute Mooney, who spent the career at Taylor's Villa, tricked his full-back to get to the line booing his every touch, Daley and cross for Daley to head in. produced a clever step-over to The Birmingham supporters were less fulsome in their singing of "He's got a pineapple on his head" after that.

Francis was brave enough to substitute both his full-backs for attacking players but, with Dele Adebola and Paul Furlong out injured, there was little cutting

edge up front. It is asking a great deal for on-loan signing Lee Bradbury to adjust immediately to the fervour and expectations at St Andrew's. When a breakthrough finally arrived, Holdsworth was practically on the line when heading

in Howard Forinton's centre.

Howard Forinton's centre.

Birmingham Gity (4-4-2): Poole; Bass [McCardy, 51], Holdsworth, M Johnson, Charlton (Fonter, 61): Hughes, Hyde, O'Connor.

Grainger; Gradbury (Fornton, 6-9), Adlove.

Watford: (4-3-3): Chamberlain; Bazeley,
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Holland keeps **Ipswich** on track

FIRST DIVISION ROUND-UP

BY GRAHAM SNOWDON

SUNDERLAND MAY have had a relatively quiet afternoon at Selhurst Park yesterday but the alternative First Division promotion race below the runaway leaders gathered steam, as the leading two contenders for the remaining automatic promotion place both won.

Second-placed Ipswich, fresh from a 6-0 demolition of Swindon on Saturday, were made to work a little harder for their 3-1 win over Queen's Park Rangers at Portman Road, a result which maintains their three-point advantage over Bradford City, despite the Yorkshire side's victory at Bury.

The former Ipswich forward Chris Kiwomya gave Rangers a surprise lead after four minutes but David Johnson equalised just eight minutes later After the break, Ipswich stepped up the pace and two goals, from James Scowcroft. and Matt Holland, in the space of 10 minutes mid-way through the balf secured three vital points for the Suffolk side.

Bradford kept up the pres sure with their second win of the Easter weekend, Dean Windass scoring twice to add to Bury's relegation worries at Gigg Lane.

It was a bad day for the Holdsworth family, with David scoring for Birmingham, but unable to stop the Blues losing at bome to Watford Meanwhile his brother, Dean, the Bolton forward, missed a penalty in his side's 2-1 home defeat by Stockport. Tony Ellis opened the scoring for the visitors before Bob Taylor equalised four minutes after the break Colin Woodthorpe hit County's winner 15 minutes from time.

There were angry scenes at The Hawthorns during and after a humiliating 5-1 home defeat for West Brom at the hands relegation-threatened Crewe. During the game, one angry Albion supporter threw his club shirt in disgust at the manager, Denis Smith, and afterwards more than 500 fans demonstrated outside the club's main entrance, where glass doors were smashed and police were called in to restore order. "It really doesn't get much lower than this," was Smith's assessment of the result. A sorry day for West Brom was concluded by their Dutch

the kick-off time wrong. The events overshadowed a fine Crewe performance, whose goals came from Dave Wright. Seth Johnson, Mark Rivers and two from Jermaine Wright.

striker, Fabian de Freitas, who missed the match after getting

At the relegation end of the table, Port Vale's Martin Foyle scored the 200th goal of his career at Barnsley to lift Brian Horton's side out of the bottom three. Adam Locke secured a crucial win for Bristol City at Portsmouth with an 86thminute beader but other results conspired to keep the Robins at

included the second half of the I nothing the consolidate in lact, in the consolidate in the consolida A state of the sta Palace plight

IT WAS a case of glad all over at Selhurst Park yesterday afternoon. While Sunderland Two controls the state of the s chip a few flakes from their debt mountain with the receipts s details season. from their largest crowd of the

More permission, will be the 22,000-plus crowd will be back as they saw Steve Coppell's patched-up mixture of youth and experience show a spirit and verve which belied the club's off-field crisis.

発性の対し、1000年度 Sunderland had boped to seal promotion on the same ground at which they learned of their relegation from the Premiership two seasons ago. However, Palace's resistance, and results elsewhere, means they will have to wait until Saturday's home match with Hud-Yet live and a second dersfield at least.

Property Breeker They looked set for victory when they went ahead after 23 mates through Kevin Phillips'
1861 goal of the season, a neat near-post header from Nicky Summerbee's corner

But Palace, showing the confidence of an eight-match young players but they are also unbeaten run, and the fear. . £23m in debt and in adminisbuckle and Clinton Morrison Advertiser echoed many supequalised 11 minutes before the porters' fear with the backhreak. A blocked shot from Steve Thomson fell to Leon McKenzie, his shot was parried by Thomas Sorensen, and parture of Mark Goldberg, the the ordeal being suffered by wrote, adding "I will not, for the that there was nothing be experience was invaluable.

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BY GLENN MOORE

Crystal Palace Sunderland

Morrison reacted first to the loose ball.

With Fan Zhiyi and Craig Foster linking well in midfield, and the precocious Hayden Mullins impressive as a sweeper, Palace deserved parity but Sunderland took control after the break. Summerbee sent over a stream of crosses with Naill Quinn going closest to scoring from them when be beaded against the bar with 20 minutes to go. By way of variation Sunderland then broke down the left but, after Lee Clark set up Allan Johnston, Kevin Miller capped a fine display with an outstanding reflex save.

Sunderland were thus left with a point but their immediate future is assured. The team will need strengthening but, with the Stadium of Light regularly attracting 41,000, this should not be a problem.

Palace's future is less certain. They may have promising page headline: "Wake up: Eagles could really die."

fan-turned-chairman who has overseen the slide into financial embarrassment. Before the match Goldberg gave a series of interviews in which be offered the usual promises about a brighter future. He had been in this situation before, with other companies, he said, and

perience with the liquidators. Goldberg promised that the wages for March would be paid in full today. He also said there was enough money to run the club until July. The season starts in August so Palace will doubtless be seeking a lucrative pre-season

friendly or two. They will at least still be in the First Division, largely due to Coppell's efforts. Since the crisis was revealed Palace have gleaned 15 points from 21 under him, despite releasing seven more players taking the total sold or loaned this season to 17.

This may have slashed the wage bill, but 11 men must still be found to fill the teamsheet every week and after giving three youngsters their debuts lessness of youth, refused to tration. This week's Croydon on Saturday (making it 41 players used this season), Coppell was forced to play Gordan Pet-



Crystal Palace's Steve Thompson (left) and Sunderland's Kevin Ball tussle for the ball yesterday Robert Hallom

Petric and his fellow Serb. Sasa

They have to ring home on In the match programme a look of fear on their faces ken to his mother in the being booked for a tussle The paper called for the de- the Palace manager spoke of when they make the calls," be Yugoslavia. He had been told with Quinn early on - his

long as the bombing continues." However, since those notes

players' sake, play either... as could do to belp so he should try and live a normal life, said Coppell. Petric played and, a daily basis and there is almost were written Petric had spo- though be took a while to set-

Osborn's late quality enriches scrappy affair

kick by Simon Osborn six minutes from time kept Wolves on course for a First Division playoff spot when Marcelo's tap-in just after the hour seemed to have revived the Blades' faltering thrust for promotion.

But this scrappy game was there. able more for sloppy pass-is, undisciplined tackling and missed opportunities than anything that smacked of Premiership potential and if either problems, the striker Andy allowed Havard Flo, cousin of first from Muscat's 20-yard

A PERFECTLY-STRUCK free BY PHIL ANDREWS

Sheffield United

Wolverhampton Wanderers 1 of these clubs finds itself back in the top flight they will have to improve significantly to stay

It was the third successive match in which United have

NATIONALIDE LEAGUE

Birmingham (0) 1 Watford (1)

złuk was in good company - five other United names and two strike his hand. from Wolves also went into the

referee's notebook. Both defences began hy crease manager Steve Bruce's sense of insecurity. The Blades

Kevin Muscat while the full- which be directed over the run into the penalty area. back Rob Kozluk was sent off crossbar and the Wolves centre four minutes from time for a back Dean Richards survived Lee Morris's shot appeared to Flo headed a corner nar-

rowly wide and the United international goalkeeper, Alan conceded a late goal, and to in- bulling their supporters into a Kelly, justified his return to the side with two excellent saves

Campbell was carried off in the their former striker Jostein, a drive and then after Osborn had the left, the substitute Petr gave Kelly no chance with a perfirst half after a collision with free header in their first minute released Carl Robinson on a Katchouro dummied and feetly flighted shot into the top

However, bopes of a holiday Blades the lead after 62 mingoal glut soon faded in a flurry utes. It was the Brazilian's 17th second bookable offence. Ko- an appeal for a penalty after of mishit passes and even goal of the season. poorer finishing. Marcelo's the Wolves goalline but he

miss-kick fell to Campbell on their record of only one defeat since Boxing Day. Steve Corimissed the ball completely, ca was well inside the penalty while at the other end Flo shot area when the substitute was into the side netting when hundled off the ball, but the ref-Osborn was perfectly placed. eree awarded a free-kick just Then Morris crossed from outside the box and Osborn

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Wolves left it late to preserve

Marcelo tapped in to give the corner. Perhaps it was just as well the referee did not award a penalty - on the evidence of what had gone before, Wolves would probably have missed it. Sheffield United (4-4-2): Kefty; Kozluk, Tebly, Sandrord, Ouinn: Morris (Derry, 85). Woodhouse (Jacobsen, 89) Devlin, Hunc: Campbell (Katchouro, 40), Marcelo. Wolverbampton Wanderers (3-5-2): Stowell: Richards, Curle, Emblen; Muscat, Rabinson, Ochom, Sedgley, Gillers: Flo. Robinson, Osborn, Sedgley, Gilkes; Flo Connolly | Corica, 821. Substitutes not used: Simpson, Naylor.

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Fitness battle for Bergkamp

they strive for their first home win over Blackburn Rovers in five years tonight. Victory would lift the Gun-

ners to within a point of the Premiership leaders, Manchester United hut Blackburn have important priorities of their own in their struggle to stay in the top division. The Arsenal manager.

Arséne Wenger, who was furious to see Bergkamp and Marc Overmars return unfit from the Netherlands' friendly against Argentina last Wednesday and ruled out of the draw at Southampton on Saturday, still has a doubt about Overmars, who is suffering with infected blisters on both feet. There is also a slight worry

over Martin Keown, who came off before the final whistle at The Dell with an anide strain, although all three players have returned to training. Emmanuel Petit is sus-

sible deputies Remi Garde and Stephen Hugbes are still recovering from injuries.

Lee Carsley could make his first full appearance for Rovers after he came on as a second-

ARSENAL ARE banking on against Middlesbrough on Sat-Dennis Bergkamp's return as urday. The £3.3m signing from Derby could replace Dario Marcolin in midfield.

In tonight's other Premiership match, Leicester City eotertain Aston Villa with manager Martin O'Neill insisting that a European place is not yet out of reach for his side. . "The players were in the

dressing-room after the Tottenham game on Saturday saying only a few more points for safety but I told them, 'We've got nine matches still to go we're going to think about Europe'," O'Neill said. Muzzy Izzet is Leicester's

main injury doubt - the midfielder bad to be substituted on Saturday after pulling a hamstring. Charlie Miller, Citv's deadline-day loan signing from Rangers, could make his debut Steve Walsh, the club cap-

tain, is also rated doubtful after missing the trip to White Hart Lane with an ankle injury while pended for the game and pos- Gerry Taggart is hattling against flu.

Aston Villa's England Under-21 international, Lee Hendrie, will return after serving a one-match suspension in the drawn game with West half substitute in the draw Ham on Friday.

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BRITAIN'S EPIC DEFEATERIZATEEDS SHINE IN REHEARSAL P20

Premiership: Goodison gloom deepens as Wednesday's Italian striker crowns fightback with two second-half goals

Carbone casts spell on Everton

THOSE WHO could face the bit- BY DERICK ALLSOP ter end bowled their derision and frustration. By then almost Everton as many had drifted away in dismay, acknowledging that relegation is no longer a mere threat but a distinct prospect for

Their fourth consecutive defeat and a goal that gave Charl-ton victory at West Ham provided by Graham Stuart, a player they discarded, leaves Walter Smith's side in the hottom three and the signs are that no one at Goodison Park believes they can drag themselves back from the brink this

Wednesday, too, were in distinct danger of being sucked into the struggle for Premiership survival after a wretched sequence of five defeats and when they gifted Francis Jeffers the chance to put Everton ahead it seemed they were intent on professional suicide.

The perception of 18-year-old Jeffers and the aerial prowess of Kevin Campbell, making his bome dehut, promised a route to salvation. Wednesday, without Des Walker for the first time in two years, were in disarray. their self-belief holed.

The early indications of a recovery were evident in the closing stages of the first half and at the start of the second, Everton handed the initiative to Wednesday's little wizard Benito Carbone.

Two errors, one by David Unsworth and the other by Marco Materazzi, presented the opportunities and Carbone calmly dispatched them. He was the source of terror throughout that second period, draining dry any resources of optimism Everton possessed.

Anxiety riddled the home ranks and Carbone's impish

Sheffield Wednesday

skills exploited their malaise with unfettered relish. Only a couple of extravagant saves by Thomas Myhre spared Everton a more comprehensive

Wednesday are now virtually safe, but for Everton the run-in looms like a trudge to the gallows. Walter Smith, their embattled manager, wore the countenance of the condemned as be conceded: "I've always thought we'd stav up hut when you get results

gets bigger. We have to show determi-

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nation and character to get out of it. This defeat wasn't down to anxiety, just errors. The disappointing thing is the manner in which we lost. It was only two bad errors on our part that decided it."

Everton had the benefit of Wednesday's generosity after just 11 minutes. Unsworth played a speculative punt forward and Pavel Smicek, the Wednesday goalkeeper, inhibited by the presence of his defender Jon Newsome, spilled the ball. Jeffers reacted instantly and coolly, lobbing it into the unguarded net from the edge of the area.

Campbell's flicked headers

provided constant encouragement for Jeffers and supporting midfield players, but Wednesday somehow came through the rest of the half unscathed. Nick Barmby thrasbed an effort across the face of the goal and Jeffers could not direct his

overhead kick on target. By the break they might have paid the price for allowing Wednesday too many sights of goal. Carbone and Emerson Thome headed wide, but Andy Booth forced Myhre to plunge smartly to his left to protect his team's advantage.

Wednesday intensified the bombardment in the second half and the pressure took its toll after 52 minutes, Unsworth, like this the question mark patently rattled, nervously attempted to push the ball back to Myhre hut barely made contact and the keeper was powerless to prevent Carbone's

Myhre leapt acrobatically to beat out a shot from the evermischievous Carbone but the second goal came Wednesday's way in the 68th minute. To compound Everton's anguish, it was a Carbone copy of the first. This time his compatriot, Materazzi, fluffed his back pass and the striker beat the exposed

Wednesday came close to adding a third. Myhre making a fingertip save from Wim Jonk, but poteotially terminal damon Everton.

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Agogo. Referee: M Reed (Birmingham). More reports, pages 22, 23



Snuthampton's Mark Hughes finds it hard going against Coventry's George Boateng (left) and Trond Soltvedt at Highfield Road

Boateng's strike sinks Saints

COVENTRY'S RELEGATION BY CONRAD LEACH worries eased significantly thanks to George Boateng's 64th minute goal that sealed a second win in three days for Gordon Strachan's men. who are now six points clear of the last relegation place. Southampton, however, are staring the drop in the face.

Not that Coventry ever had the easy ride it should have been against a Southampton side which has collected only six points and six goals in away games all season. They came close to adding to that meagre goal tally but never quite close

After a fractious game, Strachan refused to admit his side were safe. "Last Friday I would have been happy with four points from these two games,

enough

Coventry City Southampton

but I believed we would get something," he added.
The hreakthrough came

when Coventry caught Southampton undermanned in defence and distracted by their striker James Beattie laying flat out. Paul Telfer found Gary Ereen on the right and his quick cross forced Trond Soltvedt into a diving beader that goalkeeper Neil Moss could only scoop out to Boateng, who gleefully drove in from two yards.

The Southamptoo manager. Dave Jones. felt his team had gifted the goal, saying: "We were distracted and switched

open for them at the back. It was always going to be a mistake that settled it."

Yet Coventry should have ended all debate five minutes later when Breen hit the sidenetting after Darren Hucker-

by's cross had evaded the Southampton defence. Coventry had the best of a poor first half as both sides looked jaded. It took 14 minutes before the first goal chance arrived with Boateng the reciplent of a poor clearance by Keo Monkou. Coventry's Dutch midfielder hit his sidefooted shot well from 20 yards but saw

it go just wide. Moss was in action with eight minutes of the first half remaining, this time to pull off a save from one of his team-

Monkou combination again, this time the former floating in a long throw-in that Monkou sent arcing backwards and the goalkeeper did well to push the ball over his crossbar. A minute later Moss was left stranded by a Gary McAllister corner, but Breen's header was cleared off the goalline by Scott

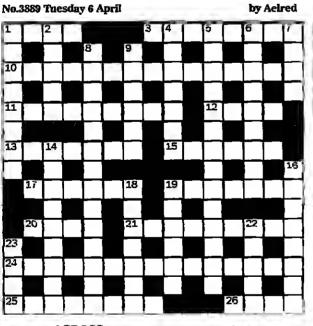
Jones made two changes to the Southampton line-up but resisted the temptation to recall Matt Le Tissier and Hassan Kachloul, who both missed Saturday's goalless draw with Arsenal through suspension.

Jones did call on Le Tissier after the balf-time break and it almost brought an instant reward. After just three minutes on the pitch Le Tissier swung

off and left some double doors mates. It was the Boateng- in a cross that Beattie head down firmly only for Covering goalkeeper Magnus Hedman palm around the post. In Tissier then went close himself as he headed just over the crossbar from Hiley's cross.

Southampton are now one the bottom of the table hun Jones refuses to give up hope." "We can still get out of trouble, we just can't get the away winand three points we need," he said. "I haven't set any points: targets but we're going for the . maximum from our remaining games."

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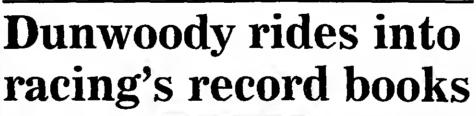
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BY RICHARD EDMONDSON

RICHARD DUNWOODY became the greatest jumping jockey there has ever been vesterday. Better than Stan Mellor, the first man to reach 1,000 winners, better than John Francome and, most pertinently, better than Peter Scudamore. The 35-year-old Dunwoody nassed his old rival's career tally of 1.678 winners with a double at Wincanton. Wherever he goes from here, and the Ulsterman might continue until he is 40, he will be pushing back a new frontier.

"I'm glad I didn't disappoint such an appreciative crowd," Dunwoody said, "It's a great moment, especially with my mother father and sister here today. I would like to thank all the people who have supported me, owners and trainers. I iust want to ride many more winners.

There were flying dismounts after the victories of Knight Templar and Yorkshire Edition at the Somerset track, and later a bottle of champagne in his hand as Dunwoody addressed the troops. Neither act



nor accoutrement symbolise him correctly.

Richard Thomas Dunwoody MBE is as much flamboyant as he is swashbuckling. Which is not at all. They call him "The Prince" because of his textbook and unrivalled technique, but there has been a greater factor he has brought into play ever since he partnered his first winner at Cheltenham's hunter-

Dunwoody dislikes losing as much as any jockey there has

RICHARD DUNWOODY FORM GUIDE

Born: January 18, 1964, in Belfast Please winner. Game Trust at their 1,000h Brizish winner: Fukey Dove, Chefrenham. 29 January, 1994. First century of winners in a seasons 1989 90 – has nazen as koss 100 winners in Britain every season since Best season: 197 entners in 1993.94. Champton jockey: 1992.95, 1993.94.

Grand National winners: West Top 1986, Mannenama 1994 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner: Charter Party 1938.

Dunwoody: 1,679 winners

chase meeting in May 1983.

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NATIONAL HUNT JOCKEYS HALL OF FAME

Richard Dumwood Peter Scudemore John Francon Stan Melfor Peter Niven Graham McCourt 908 885 861 led to bans; and only recently he came to blows in the weighing room with an old friend. Mick Fitzgerald, because of a perceived sleight This combative attitude does

not make Dunwoody unpopular. People with whom he works marvel at his level of professionalism. Trainers like to use him, punters like to back him. Even though his schedule has been pared down of late Dunwoody is still fifth in the jockeys' championship and his percentage is better than any leading rider. He currently wins exactly one in four races and is acknowledged as the master of the big occasion. This temperament has brought him two Grand Nationals and a Cheltenham Gold Cup. They even let

him ride Desert Orchid Those who appreciate Dunwoody's achievement most include those he has overtaken, men who know the commitment to wasting in the sauna and recovery from thumping the ground at close to 40mph "Richard's performance is marvellous for himself and racing, Scudamore said. "He's a fantastic rider with tremendous determination and courage."

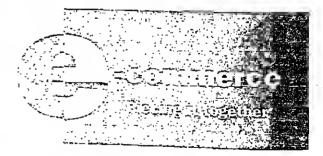
Durwoody's general celebri ty has reached a stage where he was the invitee on Desert Island Discs on Sunday, Dunwoody followed on to the radio programme Jenny Pitman, Bob Champion, Dick Francis and Frankie Dettori from the racing community. Now the rest of the nation's National Hunt jockeys must follow him and he will take a lot of catching.

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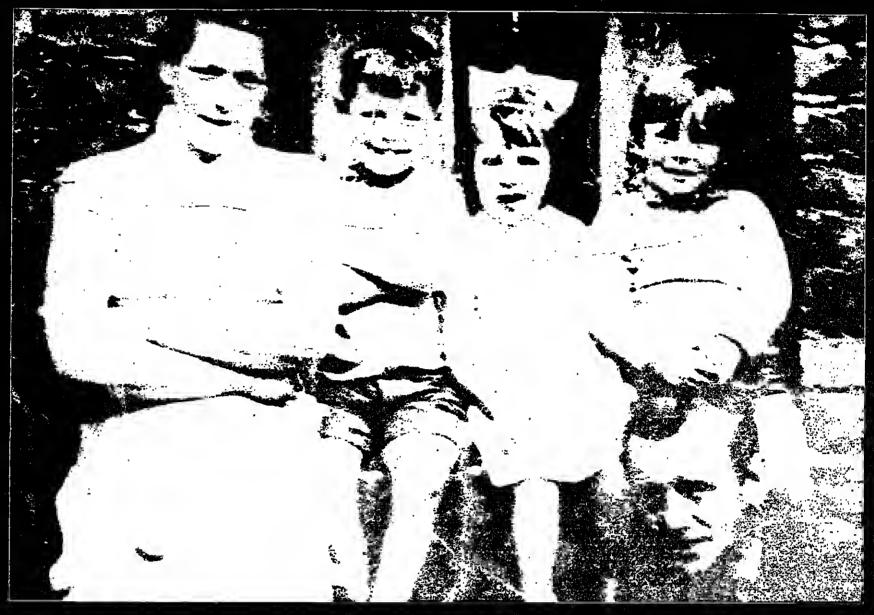
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This photograph is all that Helen McKendry has left of her mother Jean. Accused. of being an informer, she was dragged out of her house in 1972 by a masked gang. Inquiries about her fate have been answered with a gun in the face. Jean was just one of the people killed by the IRA and disposed of in secret. Now the IRA has said it may reveal where the bodies are buried – on condition that no one is prosecuted. It's a bitter solution. But Helen is already preparing the flowers to put on her mother's grave



) 1 Sappeared

elen McKendry was just 15 when the IRA "disappeared" her mother. They came after dark, eight men and four women, wearing masks so her children would not recognise them. They dragged her from the bathroom of her maisonette in Belfast's notorious Divis flats and, in spite of the children's screams, hundled her into a waiting car. When her 16-year-old son, Arthur, tried to intervene, a gun was put to his head and he was told to "fuck off". It was shortly before Christmas 1972, and it was the last time that the children saw their mother, dead or alive.

It was a cowardly abduction, carried out because of dubious claims that Jean McConville was an informer, and it left 10 youngsters without a mother, without even a grave to mourn her.

Mrs McConville is one of Northern Ireland's "disappeared". a group of between nine and 14 individuals who were killed by the IRA and huried in secret. Until recently, few people knew that e Troubles had spawned this category of person - after all, this Wasn't Chile under Pinochet or Argentina under the military junta. But try telling that to Helen McKendry.

Last week the IRA admitted for the first time that Mrs McConville had been taken by volunteers. Its Army Council said she was one of nine people the IRA had killed and buried for a variety of reasons between 1972 and 1981, "enemies" forgotten by everyone except the loved ones they left behind (others whom the IRA does not admit to went missing as late as 1986).

The Army Council said that it had located their graves and indicated that it would divulge the locations if the Irish and the British governments agreed that no prosecutions would follow. For Mrs McKendry, the announcement held out the cathartic possibility that she may finally be able to lay her mother to rest after more than 26 years.

The night before they killed her, they took her from the local bingo hall for 'interrogation'," she said. "They held her for hours and beat her, claiming she was an informer. But that was nonsense. Somehow, she got away and was found by the Army, wandering barefoot and confused. It was freezing cold. 6 December

"The Army took her to the barracks in Albert Street and tried make some sense out of what had happened. They came and sed me to collect her. When I got to the door of the barracks I could hear her screaming, but she insisted on coming home to look after us."

Mrs McConville had been a Protestant but converted to Catholicism when she married her husband, Arthur. They had lived for a time in a predominantly Protestant area but left at gunpoint in 1969 when the Troubles were in their infancy. The people of the Divis did not trust the former "Prod", but her husband protected her. However, a year before her abduction, he died of cancer, leaving her with 10 children at the age of 37.

"They had had their eyes on her for several months," said Mrs McKendry. "A soldier had been shot outside the flats, and she had gone down and put a pillow under his head and prayed with him until he died. Well, you just didn't do that there. That made her very unpopular."

The day after her "interrogation", Mrs McConville tried to restore an air of normality to her home and her traumatised children. Despite her injuries she spent the day looking after them, and was running herself a bath at about 6pm.

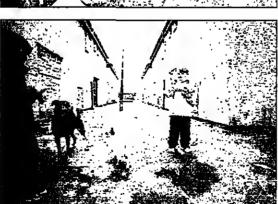
"She asked me to pop out to the shops, and they came while I was away. I didn't even get to say goodbye to her," said Mrs McKendry. "There were eight men and four women, and they agged her from the bathroom - it didn't matter to them that ere were children screaming and crying and hanging on to her.

"They said they were only taking her for a few hours. My elder brother, Arthur, followed them down to a waiting car. hut they wouldn't let him go along. One of the men pulled a gun and put to his head and told him to eff off.

"They had been wearing masks but they took them off once they got outside. Arthur knew who some of them were, hut he has never said who and he never will - or the same thing might happen to him."

After the abduction, the children simply waited. They were too afraid to call the police. As well as Arthur and Helen, there were the twins, Billy and Jim, aged six, Suzanne, seven, Thomas, eight. Mickey, 11, and Agnes. 13. The oldest daughter. 19-year-old Anne.





Helen McKendry with husband Seamus, top: above, Beechmount in west Belfast where she believes her mother is huried Crispin Rodwell

who was mentally handicapped, was in hospital at the time: the oldest son, Robert, was in prison, jailed on his 17th hirthday along with hundreds of other Catholic youths under internment.

We just waited for her to come home, but she never did." said Mrs McKendry. "One or two of the neighbours came in with food and another gave us some little Christmas presents, but mostly

"The IRA put the word round that my mother had run off with a British soldier and abandoned us. People would come up to us in the street and say our mother was a whore who didn't want us. Over the years, some of the young ones began to believe that. and we had to keep reminding them that it wasn't true. The idea that she was an informer was ridiculous. If she was one of their informers, would the Army really have released her after the first beating? Of course not.

"We heard nothing about my mother, and then just after

Christmas a man knocked on our door. He had my mother's purse. Her three rings were inside it. He said he knew nothing about her and had simply been asked to give us the purse. And that was all we had left of our mother."

Helen did her best to look after the other children, hut eventually they were taken into care with the promise, quickly broken, that they would be kept together. All their possessions were taken away. Helen managed to salvage a grainy photograph of herself with her mother

On her t6th hirthday. Helen was given £1 hy the Sisters of Nazareth, who had been looking after her, and told to go and make her own way in the world. She relied on friends for help and kept in touch, when she could, with her hrothers and sisters at a variety of homes. Fortunately she had met a young man. Seamus McKendry, who had been working at the home, and they were married at the age of 18.

Ever since that day Mr McKendry has done everything possible to locate his wife's mother. "Every time I was in a bar or a pub I would ask what people knew." he said. "Often I was ignored or cold-shouldered or threatened. I've had a gun in the face more

The hreakthrough came in 1994 with an IRA ceasetire imminent. Mr McKendry decided to tackle Sinn Fein head on. He walked into their headquarters and, to his relief, saw that a man he knew was on reception. "I told him that I didn't want to affect the chances of a ceasefire, but that we would go public if they didn't help us. He told me to come back in three weeks, but when I did he pretended not to know me or what I was talking about."

Undeterred, the McKendrys went on radio to tell their story - and the results were astonishing. The people of Northern Ireland were jolted out of fearful silence and the relatives of other "disappeared" people came forward. Soon, a rough list - disputed in parts by the IRA - emerged. There was Charles Armstrong. 55, abducted on his way to mass in 1981; Gerald Evans, 24, who vanished in 1979: Kevin McKee and Seamus Wright, both taken from their homes in Andersonstown in October 1972; John McClory and Brian McKinney, aged 17 and 22, who disappeared in 1978: John McIlroy and a second Seamus Wright, taken in 1974; Columba McVeigh, 17, missing since 1985; Brendan Megraw, 24, abducted hy nine men in 1975; Sean Murphy. 25. taken in 1986; Seamus Ruddy. 33, a republican activist killed by associates in France in 1985; and, finally, the SAS captain Robert Nairac, who disappeared from a south Armagh pub in 1977.

The IRA now says that it has located nine of the graves, but it has signalled that it will go no further until it receives a commitment that no prosecutions will follow the recovery of remains and any forensic evidence that digging produces. The Irish and British governments have agreed in principle, but legislation may be needed before Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, can waive the right to prosecute. Meanwhile, the families of the disappeared are in limbo.

"It's just so cruel," said Mrs McKendry. "They're not satis-

fied with sticking the knife in: they want to twist it." However, with or without IRA help. Mrs McKendry may soon he able to give her mother a decent hurial. Recently, through a series of anonymous telephone calls from clearly guilty participants, she has been able to piece together her mother's last hours.

She found that a terrified Jean McConville was "interrogated" at a house in Beechmount, now a desperately run-down area of Calholic Belfast that then hoasted new housing. "Other houses were being built nearby at the time, so our guess is that they huried her under there," said Mrs McKendry. "Now those houses are lalling apart, and they will be demolished soon. So I hope then that her remains will be found and we can hury her."

Last week, for the first time since they were taken into care,

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Jean McConville's children gathered together in one room - only Anne, who died of a stroke in 1992, was missing - and they planned their mother's funeral. If it ever takes place, it will be at Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel in Dunmurry, south of Belfast, because, like Mrs McConville, it was once Protestant and is now Catholic.

There will probably be a horse-drawn hearse to take Mrs McConville's remains to the Catholic Milltown cemetery, so that the American tourists can look at her grave as well as those of the men of violence who lie in the cemetery. The children have even chosen the flowers.

"There are some things that I can't remember about her." said Mrs McKendry. "But I do remember that my mother liked carnations and lilies, so we'll get some of those to put on her grave."

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Priorities in Kosovo

Sir: We acknowledge that the situation in Kosovo was already bad at the point at which Nato started bombing Serbia, and nothing can excuse the "ethnic cleansing" which is taking place. However, bombing and violence were always likely to make matters much worse and have indeed done so.

As Nato moves into further phases of its bombing strategy, the plight of the Kosovan Albanians deteriorates further and faster, the region becomes even more unstable and the Serbians unite behind Milosevic. Surely this is not the intention.

In the post-Cold War world we need to find new ways of solving conflict within and among nations and we must remember that history and psychology need to be taken into account. Sometimes doing the right thing may involve loss of face, but history will judge us kindly for choosing this option.

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A ceasefire must be called before the region becomes further destabilised, with more lives lost, more refugees, and the conflict spread. There is still scope for diplomatic activity to negotiate a settlement under the auspices of the United Nations in order to protect the people of Kosovo.

An open-ended commitment to a major presence of non-military international observers and a substantial economic development programme are urgently needed to help the resettlement of refugees. The priority now is not to extend the bombing but to concentrate logistical efforts on delivering rapid emergency aid. MEG BERESFORD nnd 12 others Winston, Strathclyde

Sir: In supporting Nato action, Branka Magas writes Getter, 1 April): "Nato's determination to humble - and hopefully remove the Butcher of the Balkans is a precondition for the region's return to peace." She is right about the need to remove Milosevic and she may be right about Nato's determination to humble him but her hope that Nato may remove him is a hope without reason.

From 1993 onwards, Fand many others (including Branka Magas) worked to support an undivided multi-ethnic Bosnia, Through experience in that war I drew the conclusion that the Western governments need Milosevic. They need a "strongman" of the Balkans. The rights of Bosnians, Kosovar or Serbs are of little or no consideration. They need a Milosevic and if, from time to time. they cut him down to size, they also quickly shore him up again.

have suffered a growing hell. Any democrat who knows their situation will support their right to self-determination. But Blair, Cook and Clinton have resolutely refused to suggest this right and their present military actions only make sense if judged, not from the claimed humanitarian purpose, but from their strategic goal - to stop the emergence of an independent Kosovo.

The people of Europe are going to have to find other means than Nato to stop ethnic cleansing. Thousands of young Albanians are joining the KLA but by themselves they will be slaughtered. What needs to be discussed is by what means we will all come to their assistance. Only this kind of international movement of solidarity will remove Milosevic and all those who think like him. BOB MYERS

Sir: "Genocide" is not just another word for hrutality, making people homeless, or even murder. It means, according to the OED. "annihilation of a race". The word was first used in the 1940s to describe the Nazi campaign to

wipe out European Jewry. Similarly, for more than half a century, "concentration camp" has not meant a place where large numbers of people are concentrated, even if it is against their will. Everybody knows that it

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Working Poland No 2: Steel-workers gaze into the furnace at a plant in Krakow

means a death camp, on the Nazi model, designed for the industrial implementation of a policy of genocide.

Can George Robertson and Rohin Cook or the US State Department seriously justify the use of this language to describe the situation in Kosovo today? Of course it is a tragedy and people are suffering. Beyond that, nobody in Britain knows what is really happening in Kosovo, Experience should surely have taught us not to accept at face value every horror story coming out of a war zone.

Even if the worst accounts of Serb reprisals we have heard to dangerous to call this genocide. Anybody who tries to compare Hitler's Germany - the dominant and best armed European power of its age - with Milosevic's militarily weak and economically powerless Serbia is in danger of losing all sense of proportion.

Such comparisons risk seriously distorting the image we have of the Balkans today by hranding the Serbs as the new Nazis. Even more importantly. they risk belittling the horror of the real Holocaust by putting the slaughter of 6 million Jews on a par with a local conflict, bloody though it may be. MICK HUME London EC1

Sir. As an Englishwoman living in Greece, I can inform you that people here haven't felt so insecure in a long time. Without seeming to think about the consequences for the whole region, for Macedonia, Albania Bulgaria and Greece, Nato has charged in like a hull in a china shop. Stabilisation of the region? 1

don't agree. Perhaps the most ironic thing of all is that Nato has played into the hands of Milosevic who must be rubbing his bands together in glee. There is no way that he would have been able to produce such an efficient expulsion of the ethnic Albanians, and no way that the Serbs would be so united behind

their leader without the assistance of Nato bombs. LISA MANLY Skopelos, Greece

Ulster's dilemma

Sir: Donald Macintyre suggests ("Ulster may yet prove the triumph of politics over tribal feelings", 2 April) that if Sir Patrick Mayhew had not put forward his "Washington Three" conditions, decommissioning might never have become the fundamental issue of the irish peace process. The truth is almost the opposite of that. If decommissioning had not been a central is Patrick would not have put forward those conditions.

The Downing Street Declaration of December 1993 said that "the achievement of peace must involve a permanent end to the use of and support for paramilitary violence" and that in those circumstances democratically mandated parties which establish a commitment to exclusively peaceful means" would be "free to participate fully in

democratic politics and to join in dialogue in due course between the Governments and the political parties on the way ahead".

In the Dail, Dick Spring, then Irish foreign minister, said:

Questions were raised on how to determine a permanent cessation of violence. We are talking about the handing up of arms and are insisting that it would not be simply a temporary cessation of violence to see what the political process offers. There can be no equivocation in relation to the determination of hoth Governments in that regard." Sir Patrick made a similar statement.

The Irish government's position changed after the first IRA ceasefire of 31 August 1994. In December, the Taolseach, Albert Reynolds, said that it was not a sensible precondition to require the IRA to hand in weapons before multilateral talks began. On 1 March 1995. Gerry Adams said that decommissioning would happen at the end of the negotiations, not the beginning. The British were also under

The conditions set out in Sir Patrick's speech in Washington on 7 March were "a willingness in principle to disarm progressively". an agreement on the method of decommissioning, and a start to the process as a "tangible confidence-building measure". Sir Patrick wanted Sinn Fein to meet those conditions before entering negotiations. Is it unreasonable, four years later, to expect them to be met hefore Sinn Fein can enter

the Executive? STEPHEN PLOWDEN London NW1

Questions of faith

Sir: The Bishop of London's article proclaiming the resurrection of faith (Saturday Essay, 3 April) completely fails to answer the questions that concern people who

look for some version of truth. Is faith - any faith - true? It's not good enough to say people want faith. They also want chocolate bars the size of Mont Blanc.

Why have people of differing faiths hated one another with more viciousness than any other form of

pressure from the Americans.

article, I April). Library visits tend to be Sir: Thank you for your article weekly or fo tnightly, but when on Adrian Noble and the Royal your moting is convalescing you want to visit daily. winter of discontent?". The cottage hospital in

Kington, Herefordshire, has for a long time been threatened with closure despite the protestations of local inhabitants.

Sir: Cottage hospitals are not

like branch libraries (leading

Next time a family member needs a hospital bed, the population of Camden may like to consider whether they would prefer it to be local or to be given the choice of, say, Staines or Orpington.

That is the equivalent of the option offered to residents of this area. RICHARD RIMINGTON Presteigne, Powys

IN BRIEF

Stratford Theatre ("End of the 31 March). I have seen many productions of The Tempest, and last year's was the best of them, well cast, brilliantly acted and directed.

Perhaps the stage is no longer state of the art - I wouldn't know - but I bope the mooted renovation will not mean any reduction in the seating.

A smaller auditorium may be cosicr and chummier, but either the seats will cost more or the actors will be worse paid, or both. WILLIAM CAREY Witney. Oxfordshire

Sir: With the millennium approaching, people are becoming keen on the Greenwich theme. The ultimate loyalty to Greenwich would be to stop messing our clocks about and accept Greenwich Mean Time for the

whole year round again. As one who has been on GMT continuously since October 1995, I can assure you this is no sacrifice and it allows a more natural progression through the seasons.

If people became comfortable with year-round GMT, we could scrap BST and encourage other countries under the Greenwich meridian (notably France and Spain) to lean back towards their natural time. PAUL NEWBOLD Wallington, Surrey

language surveys are a unique resource created originally to support the case for teachers to support the language needs of immigrant children. JOHN EVERSLEY Queen Mary and Westfield College University of London Tom Pilston PHILIP BAKER School of Oriental and African Studies and University of Westminster hatred across the centuries? The

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religion so startlingly similar to the

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either will know that the delusions

If religion is a good thing, why is

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Sir: Richard Chartres starts a lot of

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England is supported almost

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Costly cabbages

Sir: Driving down the M4 recently, I spotted a large sign in a field which proclaimed the support of a major supermarket for Britain's beleaguered farming industry. The same supermarket also professes to champion the cause of the British consumer.

However, such altruistic behaviour does not preclude the making of a healthy profit out of both. At the time of writing, the supermarket in question was paying its Cornish growers just 10 pence for a bag of three premium grade spring-green cabbages (4

pence per three if not bagged). Once on the shelf, however, the same produce was priced at 59 pence per bag - a mark-up of almost 600 per cent on cost price. By contrast, a typical greengrocer would expect to mark up produce of this kind by 50 percent at most.

Still, if the growers don't like it, they can always sell their produce to - well, probably to no one actually, as the rise of the supermarket has decimated the traditional wholesale supply channel.

The DTI recently announced the launch of a European comparative price index, to crack down on exactly this type of profiteering. Is it too much to hope, however, that the major supermarkets will not simply abuse their buge purchasing power by insisting that their suppliers, rather than themselves, accept a substantial reduction in their profit margin? DOMINIC PARKES Swansea

Patriotism today

Sir: While sitting behind a rural 4x4 in a traffic queue, I wondered if the irony (or should I say hypocrisy?) of the message in the rear window was entirely lost on the driver. The sticker read, "Young farmers say British is best." The vehicle was built in Japan. PAUL DUNCAN

Knaresborough, North Yorkshire

A half-baked discussion of a half-watched TV show

THERE WAS a Dutchman in our pub the other night. Nobody knew where he had come from. Holland, presumably. He ordered a half of lager and said: "Did you see that thing on television the other

Most of us were half-watching some terrible football on the TV set over the bar, and it was only with some reluctance that the man with the dog said: "What thing?"

"I don't know." said the Dutchman. "I didn't see anything on television the other night."

"Then why did you mention it?" "Because I was told that if you wanted to get a conversation going in a British pub, the best thing to say is: 'Did you see that thing on television the other night?"

"He's right in a way," said the lady with red hair, sipping her television programme while discussing another quite different one they half-watched the other night. The half-baked discussing the halfwatched."

"The ultimate puh conversation," said the resident Welshman, "would be a bunch of people discussing a television programme that none of them had seen."

"No," said the man with the dog. "That's called a meeting of the BBC

We all laughed, nobody quite knew why, and someone asked the Dutchman if Dutch people sat around in Dutch pubs discussing Dutch TV programmes.

"No," be said. "We discuss imported American programmes."

"It's the same here in Britain,"

said the red tady. "Not in Wales it isn't." said the resident Welshman. "In Wales we discuss imported American AND English programmes. The English think they don't have many native programmes. Imagine how the Welsh feel."

"Td rather not," said the red lady. "I haven't got the energy to summon up all that burning resent-

"Why are the Welsh resentful?" asked the Dutchman.

"Because they like hurning down second homes belonging to English people," said the red lady. "But it rains so much in Wales that they find it hard to get the fires started, and they blame the English for this too."

"That's one reason." said the



MILES KINGTON

The Dutch cross the Channel for our heritage. The English cross the Channel for cheap booze

Welshman, who has a sense of humour by Welsh standards. "But there are always new ones coming along. For instance, we're now resentful because the Millennium Dome has been built on the far side of London, in Greenwich, which makes it even harder for the Welsh to visit. It's typical of the English to put the Dome where it's only

easy for the English to get at." "And the Dutch," said a voice. It was the Dutchman again. "It was very clever of your government to put it there, down in the south-east corner. Did you realise that most of the population of Belgium and Holland actually live closer to your Millennium Dome than all of the Weish and Scottish and most of the English? And that it's easier for us to get to?

There was a moment's silence. "That's the most amazing statistic I've heard in years," said the man with the dog.

"It's the second most amazing statistic I've heard," said the red lady: "The most amazing was that the 10 minutes or so which Gwyneth Paltrow spent weeping in the Oscar acceptance speech was actually longer than the time spent on screen by Judi Dench in Shake-

"Talking of which," said the man with the dog, "did you realise that the money spent by Steven Spielberg on Saving Private Ryan was more in real terms than the money spent by the British and US governments on the Second World War events depicted in the film?" "Is that true?" asked the Dutch-

speare in Love."

"I've no idea," said the man with the dog. "But it sounds good." "As a matter of interest," said the

landlord, "is anyone here actually

lennium Dome?" There was a silence. One hand

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went up. It was the Dutchman's. "You see, this is the difference between the English and the Europeans. We cross the Channel to see your heritage. You cross the Channel to buy cheap booze," said the Dutchman

There was a loud laugh. It came from the resident Welshman. "Nice one, boyo," he said. "Let

me huy you a pint of incredibly expensive booze, or what the English call beer." It was so long since the Weish-

man had bought anyone a drink that there was a long, stunned silence. The Dutchman saw this as his cue again.

"Did you see that thing on television the other night?" he said

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Taking our share of refugees will help steady the Balkans

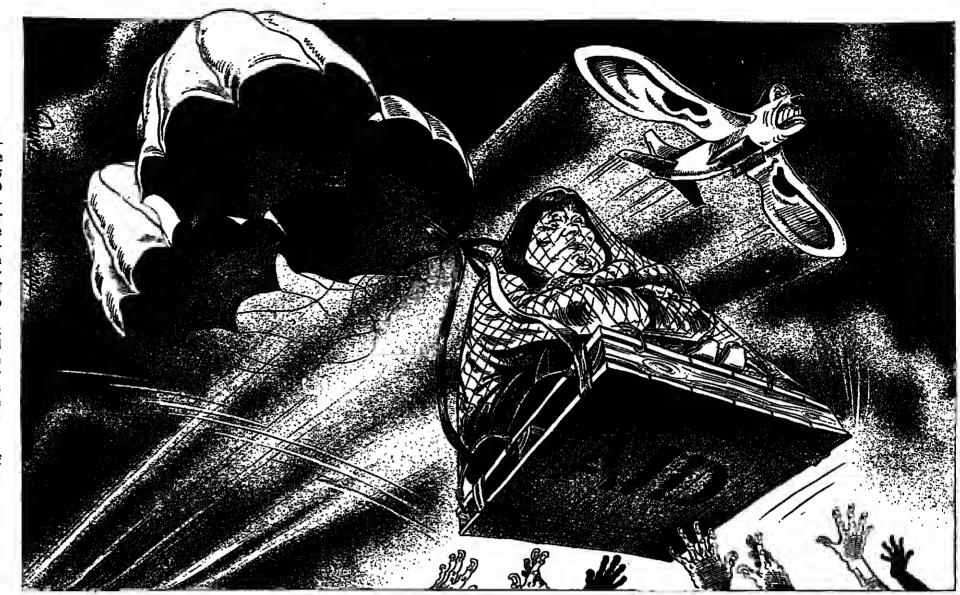
THE YUGOSLAVIAN wars of the past decade have produced few moral conundrums more difficult than the issue of taking in refugees from Kosovo. The Government has announced that Britain is now willing to take in 10,000 Kosovar refugees on top of the 9,000 already in this country. Given the experience from previous conflicts, for instance Bosnia, there is every likelihood that few of the refugees reaching our shores will ever return to the valleys and mountains of Kosovo. However that does not mean that Britain is colluding - albeit unwillingly and unwittingly - in the efforts of Slobodan Milosevic, the president of Yugoslavia, to change the ethnic make-up of Kosovo through a combination of threats, arson and murder.

Foreign policy is not best dictated by the gut. The sight of starving children, exhausted mothers and bearded men with their faces full of tears encourages the desire to bring the Kosovar Albanians away from the dangerously overcrowded borders of their homeland as soon as possible. The long-term effects of this will be to disperse the population of Kosovo not only across Europe but across the whole world.

The difficulty of the Government's decision to accept thousands of refugees is exacerbated by the lack of support for this move even within the Western Allies. Emma Bonino, the European Union's aid commissioner, has said that "we should not participate in ethnic cleansing". She has highlighted the difficulties of the rescue operation by asking: "How do you choose 10,000 refugees? How do you airlift 50,000 people?" The charities and aid agencies have echoed this call. Oxfam argues that refugees should only be taken away from the region if there is no other way to take care of them.

The doubts about the sense of this airlift exist within the Cabinet itself. This is hardly surprising when Tony Blair said in a newspaper article on Sunday that to disperse refugees across Europe would be a "policy of despair". Clare Short, the minister for international development, who has been visiting the aid effort, was perhaps only echoing the old Cahinet line when she said that moving people out of the region would be doing exactly what Milosevic wanted.

Despite the appearance that the airlift is motivated by the short-term emotional impact of descriptions and images of the refugees, there is long-term sense in removing at least some of the refugees from the edge of the conflict. The countries surrounding Kosovo have coped with unbelievable demands over the passed week. Albania, Macedonia and the Yugoslavian province of Montenegro are all poor. Albania is emerging from a civil war. They are all unlikely to be able to cope with the tide of people crossing their horders for long. Furthermore, they



have ethnic minority problems of their own. The Macedonians have held the Kosovar refugees in camps in part as a response to the recognition that, if the ethnie Albanians were to stay, they would dangerously change the balance between the country's indigenous Slav majority and its Albanian-speaking minorities. The Macedonian government has therefore stated that refugees can only be registered and helped for a limited time; they will have to he accommodated elsewhere.

For some of the refugees, at least, that elsewhere must be away from the horders of Kosovo. They will have special medical and, perhaps, psychological problems with which the tent hospitals within the refugee camps will be

Britain is right to be taking in refugees not as an alternative to helping them oo Kosovo's horders hut as a way of supplementing the efforts that are going on surrounding the province. The destabilisation of Macedonia, Albania and Montenegro would benefit only Mr Milosevic.

Confusion is always the enemy of thrift

THERE IS a strain of madness in the British which encourages camping overnight to be the first in the Harrods sale or queuing for three days to secure tickets to Wimhledon. People seem to enjoy the feeling that their lives will not be complete without a cut-price doily holder or ticket to see the latest British hopeful get thrashed.

The hysteria surrounding the end of PEPs (personal equity plans) and Tessas (tax exempt special savings accounts) is no different. Normally sane people have spent their Easter holidays rushing about desperately to secure them before they are abolished in favour of ISAs (individual savings accounts).

The customer is not always right. As our story on page 9 of the news section shows, most buyers have little idea

of the differences hetween the old and new schemes, Even professionals find the new one complicated. Tory governments were happy to publicise PEPs and Tessas. The Labour Government should have been swifter in advertising the benefits of ISAs and calming the public over the issue.

Confusion discourages saving. The Government has made a mistake abolishing a workable system. It will be some time before people feel confident about the new one.

Great expectations

READERS WOULD be forgiven for thinking reports about a giant salamander infesting a lake in West Bromwich as about as likely as the Hound of the Baskervilles. Modern people have become so used to a world in which nature Is off-white in tooth and claw. For a salamander to be mistaken for an alligator it must be one hell of a salamander. But then why should nature fit with our puny expectations?

My country needs me – and the cause is worth fighting for

THE AIR is thick with the stink of which he more or less said that his atificationing livery columnst. reporter, letter-writer, pub bore and backbencher knows what should have been done, and what ought to be done now. You can sense the determination to be on the right side of history when you hear them utter sentences beginning with words like "it was quite

obvious from the beginning that..." Yesterday morning, disgracefully, I went back over past pieces that I have written about Kosovo, hooing that they would show what a prescient and clever fellow I am, and that they would defend me from the various charges that those opposed to intervention now level at those who support it. Sometimes I disgust myself.

What I believe about Kosovo - that we had little alierantive but to frienvene, and that we should now begin to deploy an army charged with winning it back for its dispossessed people - is not the consequence of deep strategic and military insight.

It is, rather, a product of conscience allied to a deep worry about what would happen elsewhere were we to fail this test. People on either side of this argument, who proclaim. a clear and almost infallible understanding of cause and effect in the Balkans, are seeking to mobilise opin-

ion rather than telling the truth. The desire to be vindicated by events is particularly strong in those currently in opposition in Britain and America. At the end of last week, I heard an interview with the Tory Party chairman Michael Ancram (William Hague has been practically invisible since the bombing began), in

appart for Nato action was depind of upon its eventual outcome. In the US. the Republican front-runner for the 2000 presidential elections, George W Bush, answered the question about action with one of his own. "My question is: is it good for America? said the man from Texas. "Right now, as governor, I'm going to figure out how to get a tax-cut through." So if it turns out to be a success, then they are in favour of it. If it is a catastrophe, then the weedy, liberal focusgroupies in power in Washington and London will face the justified wrath of the people.

So far there has been surprisingly little wrath. In Germany, opinion polls show more than 60 per cent in favour of the air strikes, while in France there is 58 per cent support, including for the possible use of Nato ground troops. Here there is a big majority in favour of bombing, and a smaller one that agrees to the use of the army.

Slobodan Milosevic and his colleagues in Belgrade, however, may well believe that such support is soft. We pampered Westerners are all very martial as long as we're not taking any casualties and are dropping ordnance from the sky (he may well tell his generals), but like Corporal Jones's fuzzywuzzies, we don't like it up us, you know. And Slobodan Milosevic has to look no further than the gung-ho Sun for some proof. Slapped all over yesterday's page one was the banner heading. Don't send our troops on to die".

Let us forget all this nonsense about how The Sun rules the world.



DAVID **AARONOVITCH**

We pampered Westerners are all very martial as long as we are only dropping ordnance from the sky

Its threat to Tony Blair to withdraw its support from the war effort if ground troops were to be deployed should be treated with total contempt. Last week, at the Press Gazette awards, the editor of The Sun got so pissed that he sat for quite some time on the floor, unaware that he had fallen

off his chair. Beaverbrook he ain't. But that doesn't mean that the argument should not be taken seriously. Many soldiers' families read The Sun, I imagine. And common sense suggests that, should we lose dozens of casualties in a Balkans war, then that bit of opinion in Britain that hasn't cared much either way so far may decide that this was never our fight anyway. All of a sudden, Mr Ancram might discover a strong opinion on Kosovo and Mr Hague might reappear from exile.

Central to The Sun's objection to the risking of British Bues & Kosewe is its perception of those who are not quite so squeamish. "Too many armchair generals and media commentators are calling for force on the ground," it said, suggesting, somewhat surreally: "Maybe they should go and see the movie Soving Private Ryan to see what a ground war is like." Or El Cid. perhaps?

This reproof to the supporters of action is now one that is almost universally used. To the ever-madder John Pilger, people like me are "junior Lord Haw Haws" (this invocation of a Fascist traitor and collaborator with the Nazis is explained by Pilger's eccentric view that Nato is always the enemy), who prescribe force "having never seen a shot fred" In its addirial, the New Statesman states: "Whether those who advocate a ground offensive have relatives in the services - or whether they would countenance the conscription that might be required to sustain a long conflict - is unknown. But the world has never been short of those willing to send other people's sons to war.' And Alan Watkins in our Sunday sister paper observes: "Those with some knowledge of warfare are members of the Peace Party, whereas the War Party is composed largely of those who

Now, I don't find it necessary to slap my weapon on the table and compare A for size with that of Alan Wathins. John Pilger, the editors of the New Statesman and The Sun, or anyone else for that matter. Their jibes are

have not even heard a popgun fired

glarification of war amongst those who have called for action - quite the opposite. Those in power in the US, Britain, Germany, France and Italy are not demagogues or right-wing populists, but people who grew up opposing the war in Vietnam and distrusting talk of "collateral damage". But there is one point that the antis

cheap and obvious. There has been no

make that must be addressed. Is this cause, the cause of the Kosovar Albanians, a cause that is worth suffering for? What would I myself be prepared to sacrifice in order to stop the massacres and to strike an immense blow against the politics of racial and ethnic nationalism? Would I fight, or more realistically) would I countenance the possibility that members of pay family might die? Would I be prepared to explain to the mother of a dead soldier why her son had been killed? Would I accept my children's education being disrupted, my comfortable lifestyle

being altered? I think so. There are, indeed, some unlikely warmongers around at the moment. Joschka Fischer. a Green member of the German government, spoke for a generation of political activists this week. "When you are confronted by genocide and mass buman suffering," he said. "you cannot sit with your hands folded and ignore the killing of innocent civilians. There are certain buman values more important than pacifism."

So yes, for this cause. If the zovernment asked me to. I'd do what was necessary without complaining a lot. I can't live with too much self-disgust.

ground forces will. Nato gov-sevic's marauding militias from

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All you have to do is just think every time you get inside that aircraft 'someone is trying to kill me' it is a great motivator." Group Capt Travers Smith, RAF spokesman

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The shortest and best way to make your fortune is to let people see clearly that it is in their interests to do so." Jean de La Bruvère. French satirist



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says it is still ruling out the use from Nato's defeat. of ground troops.

There will be ground troops er - which would mean the end of the Nato alliance and a humiliation for the United States. If a tin-pot monster like Slob-

THE MISSION is justifiable. The the democratic West on a matleadership is contemptible. The ... ter that is strictly humanitarian Clinton administration is now in nature, there's no telling flat out lying to the American what lesson more dangerous people and the world when it copper-pot dictators will glean New York Post

in Kosovo. It is either that or an COULD THE job be done in the end to this mission all togeth- Balkans? The answer is prob-

But nobody can pretend it would be easy, and it would almost certainly require a level be Milosevic is allowed to defy of commitment that would

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ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

deploying ground troops in the Balkans

The American press considers the case for

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IN KOSOVO, as in Bosnia, the major powers that are com- the ethnic cleansing, but

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WHATEVER THE damage the air campaign has done to the Serbian military, it has failed to stop President Slohodan Milo-The Washington Post

the level of victimisation.

ernments are reluctant to com-

mit ground forces in Kosovo.

And past experience reveals

tematic slaughter of innocent that politicians, though they civilians underway in Kosovo may say the right things, do not necessarily do them. The while it is still possible to save lives - will require ground longer Nato waits, the higher forces. When we have the capacity to prevent ethnic cleansing at an acceptable cost in blood and treasure, and when others are willing to join us, we should be willing to do so.

a genocidal assault against a

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A DATE with the judge might beckon if toy giant Hashro tracks down a group of ex-teenagers whn have been driven to dementia by the warblings of their younger siblings' Furbies. The naughty nerds have opened a renegade site featuring Furbie Hookers. And no. Miss Widdecombe. it's nothing to do with Rugby Football.

WHODATHUNKIT? performed brain surgery on

IF BBC Radio 2 has gnt it right and "Yesterday" really is today's most popular song, what kind of lyric is most likely to make lovers' pulses beat a little faster tomorrow? A trip to the website of Cern, the Geneva high-energy particle physics lab widely credited with inventing the World Wide Web, may provide a Scoohy.

When not smashing atoms or constructing super colliders, the lab's big brains play in a couple of bar bands. One is a doo-wop outfit called Les Horribles Cernette:

What kind of twisted lust was it that inspired guitarist/ keyboardist/ computer scientist Silvann de Gennaro to pen this lyric to a tune he Liquid Nitrogen? Yon said I'd be yours 24 hours a day/

Integrating until the end of time/ Now in nanoseconds that's just the square root off 2670 hillion times 10 to 90 divided by two." OK Silvano, yon hum it and I'll play along...

JEFFREY ARCHER, at the Commons launch of Catholic soul predator Father Michael Seed's book What Heaven Means To Us, confided to nne guest that he has been going out with a homeless charity to meet London's indigents firsthand. Assuming this is neither shameless bookpushing nor desperate votegrabbing, isn't this the sort of role that we should expect putative royal bride Sophie Rhys-Jones to step into? Or is the London mayoral aspirant more serious than we thought about creating a missmigration of the emotionally disconnected from the city's streets?

DOUBLE THINK, or maybe no thinking at all, at gay rights activistas Stonewall. The pink pressure group is snpporting New Labour plans to nverbaul the Honse of Lords, telling its members that hereditary peers are holding up the amendment to equalise the age of consent. Perhaps someone should set them straight: Baroness Young, whn is leading the anti-gay campaigners in the Lords is a life peer Earl Russell, the mnst vocal supporter of equal bnmo-betero ages nf consent, has a title that's emphatically hereditary.

CELEBRITY DRESS sense: Cate Blanchett (pictured) insisted Asprey fly in, at 24 hours notice, a 10-piece set of haubles for her Oscar outfit. She then wore the earrings in

CELEBRITY TRESS seose: Caroline Aberne, the repulsive Mrs Merton's alter ego, was sharing studios with a group of starstruck teenagers in Manchester to tape the kids' show Why Don't You?

Spying a stray grey lock among 16-year-old rising star presenter Jo Hunter's flame red tresses, Aberne plucked it out. saying she would weave it into Mrs Merton's wig. Yes. it's another free public service from Pandnra's

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My brief cyber-affair with Cutie

PERHAPS I could take this opportunity to point out that I shall not after all, be supplying clients across the world with Viagra. Nor, in spite of what has been promised, will I be giving online consultations for sexual problems.

The commitment to a 24-hour delivery of full treatment was, I regret, something of a mistake. As for the many people who have responded to the offer, snarling up my computer with enraged responses ("No way man!" "I have your name and address and am instigating legal proceedings" "But I'm a woman!!!"), I can only apologise on hehalf of the sick, sick person who last week invaded my sweet, virginal little computer to such disastrous effect.

I say this because, rather fashionahly, I've just succumbed to a cyber-social disease and caught a rather nasty case of computer clap. How it happened remains a mystery. Like many an innocent before me. I had been lured through my screen into a strange, magical cyberland where human nature, freed of identity, nationality and gender, is as weird as it can be.



TERENCE BLACKER

A couple engaged in oafish flirtation - 'Hey, babe, wanna get 2gether & make sweet music?"

Maybe I took a turn into a murky byway (I'm a writer, for God's sake; it's my job! Anyway, somewhere "in the wild". I seem to have picked up

an unpleasant virus. The first sign that all was not well was when I was unable to get online because my password no looger worked. When I rang the server, 1 discovered there had been a problem with my hill involving extra

charges and - the woman to whom I spoke seemed simultaneously disapproving and evasive - a "code violation" had been reported. I tried lo go online once more with a new password. This time, my screen froze in horror at what it found.

I returned to the server. The nature of my code violation was established. I had incurred extra charges with an unauthorised mass mailing shot. Et mass mailing shot? Yes, it seemed that my screen address had been used to send a Viagra ad to people around the world - 6,250 people, to be precise.

I had what they call a "Trojan horse" in my system. I needed to see the doc. There was, of course, a queue at the surgery, allowing me several hours of profound anxiety. In that machine was my life: records, notes, letters, not to mention 60,000 words of a halfcompleted masterpiece of contemporary fiction. Somehow, without my noticing, the computer had become an extension of my hrain, and now an Alzheimer's-like hug was infecting it, wiping my life, transforming me overnight into a sleazy online

Of course, I know that, in the world of computers, different realibes apply. My brother Philip, even more cybernetically virginal than me, had recently had a humiliating experience in a chat-room. A couple in the room had been engaged in the traditional oafish flirtation -"Hey, babe, warma get 2gether & make sweet music" one was asking - when Philip, attempting to enter into spirit of things, jokily typed in, "Can I watch?" Suddenly all hell broke loose. "Hit the decks, guys we got a crazee on board," wrote one chatter, and seconds later poor

from the room. But this was different. Something horrible and hostile had attached itself to me from this fantasy world, had followed me back into my real life and was doing ter-

Philip was Ignominiously expelled

rible things to it. Later that day, guided by the doc, I went in search of my Trojan horse. Together, we stalked the thickets of technology until, after 45 thrilling, heart-stopping minutes, we found it. Its name was Cutie. Beside the famous, elegant-sounding supervirus Melissa. Cutie sounded a bit small-time and sluttish, and her Viagra mailing had petered out well short of 6,250 people. At least, unlike Melissa, she didn't target friends on my mailing list and send them pornography under my name.

We zapped her. Cutie is history. And now that I know that she has not after all destroyed a future winner of the Booker Prize, I find I am intrigued by the stories of viruswriters now appearing post-Melissa, and somewhat encouraged that they exist.

As I understand it, a viruswriter's aim ia to take on the absurdly overpaid computer tsars who dominate our lives. They live for intellectual challenge. They make no money from their little bugs.

Celebrity is anathema to them. It could be argued that, surrounded by consensus and conformity, they represent an impish spark of human bloody-mindedness in an age of depersonalised technology. They also serve to remind us of our gullihle and dangerous overdependence on the all too fallible machinery of artificial intelligence. For that, at least, I'm grateful

There's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip, Donald

LABOUR ENTERS the election campaign for Scotland's first parliament for 300 years in confident mood. After months of being even with the SNP in the polls, it has gradually opened up a clear lead over Alex Salmond's nationalist band. Labour believes the SNP has taken vote-losing stances oo both tax and Kosovo, Yet exactly what will happen after polling day on 6 May is still far from clear.

Thanks to the new proportional representation system being used to elect the new parliament, Scots will have not one but two votes on 6 May. One vote will be for a local MSP (Member of the Scottish Parliament! to be elected under the traditional first-past-the-post system. The other will be for a regional party list, on which basis extra seats will be doled out to make the overall result more proportional.

Three polls published in the last week have all shown clear Labour leads in both contests. In the constituency battle Labour's lead is between 11 and 14 points. The regional party list vote is closer but with leads of between four and 12 points, again there seems to be little for Labour to worry about.

However while such leads might produce a landslide under the old electoral system, they are far from sufficient to give Labour an overall majority under PR. For that it will need close to 50 per cent on the regional party list vote - but no poll is giving it more than 43 per cent.

In short, the election on 6 May still appears headed for the outcome that has long appeared most likely - a hung parliament in which Labour is

the largest party. On the basis of the most recent polls Labour could expect to win around 60 of the 129 seats in the new parliament, five short of what would

be needed for an overall majority.



CURTICE

No less than one in four Scots are still undecided. Labour's lead could yet go into reverse

The Nationalists would be left clear ly trailing with just 40 seats.

Yet the outcome should not be taken for granted. For there is still a substantial mood of uncertainty among the Scottish electorate. No less than one in four Scots have still to make up their minds how to vote: a figure on the rise. Labour's lead could yet go into reverse.

Labour strategists believe that the SNP's decision to use the taxvarying powers of the new parliament to reverse Gordon Brown's income tax cut, together with Alex Salmond's opposition to the Nato action in Yugoslavia, will play into their hands.

Yet on both subjects the public is more equivocal than Labour might hope. Two polls in the last week have found a clear majority of Scots saying they are in favour of the SNP's position on tax, while another found that less than half believe that the Nato bombing campaign will help the people of Kosovo, Indeed, the only poll so far to have been taken since Alex Salmond attacked the Nato campaign as "unpardonable

folly" found SNP support up two points. But there are doubts, Take tax, for example. While the

SNP was quick to announce after the Budget that it would use the taxvarying powers of the parliament, it has been very slow to spell out bow it will use the money raised. Only this week will we be told. Labour has been able to keep the SNP on the defensive on tax, and avoided having to defend itself on spending. There are clear signs that some of Labour's attacks, such as the alleged impact of the SNP's policy oo peosioners, have scored points.

Thanks to the new electoral system this election is meant to inaugurale the revival of the Conservative Party in Scotland. But standing at between 10 per cent and 13 per cent in the polls, the party is than in 1997 when it won 17 per cent of the Scottish vote. It could be left with little more than a dozen MSPs. With none of its big hitters deigning to stand for the new parliament, the party is struggling to avoid looking an irrelevance.

The prospects are hardly brighter for the other also-rans of Scottish politics, the Liberal Democrats. Most recent polls have put the party helow the 13 per cent it scored in 1997. The new electoral system may mean that a Lib Dem vote is no longer a wasted vote, at least on the party list ballot, but that message has yet to have much impact.

But the biggest problem facing Jim Wallace, the Liberal Democrats' Scottish leader, is how to maximise his party's chances of seeing power or, at any rate, influence. A hung parliament will not in itself guarantee the Liberal Democrats a key role. Their potential bargaining power

has been eroded by two, for them, disturbing developments. The first is the decline in the



Together we stand: Gordon Brown and Donald Dewar

Nationalists' position. On policies the currently in even more dire straits Lib Dems and the SNP have been moving closer together. The Lib Dems are inclined to agree with the SNP that the parliament should use its tax-varying powers. Meanwhile Alex Salmond has sent out smoke signals suggesting his party would not necessarily insist on holding a referendum on independence. But all of this will be irrelevant if, as currently seems likely, the two parties' combined strength is far from a majority.

Thus, instead of being "kingmaker" between the SNP and Labour, Jim Wallace's only real choice seems to be between a deal with Labour or no-ooe.

The Lib Dems' second problem comes from the Conservatives changing mood.

Last month the party's Scottish leader, David McLetchie, dramatically announced that his party might help keep a Labour administration in office in order to ensure that Nationalists did not get a foothold on power. The Conservatives will not join Labour in an anti-Nationalist

coalition, but they might be prepared to give them the support Labour needs from the backbenches.

And if the latest polls are right then Labour might well have sufficient strength to elect the current Scottish Secretary, Donald Dewar, First Minister against both SNP and Liberal Democrat opposition, just so loog as the Conservatives abstain. Once so elected, sustaining a minority administration in office is likely to be easier in the new parliament than it is at Westminster, as government defeats on individual measures are not automatically issues of confidence.

Donald Dewar may still be the clear favourite to become Scotland's first First Minister, but his pathway to power could yet provide a few nasty surprises.

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MUHAMMAD ALI'S autobiography The Greatest is now recognised as an important record of his continuing influence on

the course of African-American

and world history. The emergence of Ali's political consciousness is generated by three symbolic acts that occur in the autobiography.

The first is his encounter with a racist restaurant owner who refuses to serve Ali when he was joined by a few frieods to celebrate his winning of an Olympic gold medal at the 1960 Rome Olympics. The restaurant owner tells them: "I done told you, we don't serve niggers." All then throws his medal into the Ohio river in disgust A few days later. Ali and ney Poitier, Jim Brown and a group of friends derail an Amtrak train.

More important than these incidents is Ali's memory of Emmet Till who was murdered in Mississippi for mak-ing a pass at a white girl. Ali remembers that Emmet's twisted body had been displayed in a casket for all to see. All began to ideotify with Till when he discovered that he was born on the same day and year as Till. Ali was never to

forget the racist power of the American South and the low status of the African American. Ali was a master at getting under an opponent's skin and

he used all the techniques of provocation he had acquired from African-American culture in order to embarrass people who tried to put him down. He had in his repertoire a series of masks that he could put on to dramatise these insults.

At one moment he would play the crazy coon like Stepan Petchit, rolling his eyeballs, whining, and shuffling his feet. Then he would play at being the angry buck who would threaten opponents with violence. All these masks had been used by black actors like Sid-

Brock Peters. Ali was a master at discovering and deconstructing the myths that have governed

black-white relations. Ali persuaded millions of people of colour in the Americas, Asia and Europe that they were just as capable of creating world culture as the whites. The way Ali's speeches and

actions created trans-generational bonds between hlack His physical presence in militants of all ideological per-



The power of Muhammad Ali

CHRIS BROOKEMAN

From a talk by the principal in American Studies, the University of Westminster, to a seminar in London

suasions made him the most exciting catalyst of his era. more than a match for Martin Luther King. The scale of his influence was truly remarkable, particularly during the period when he was preparing to fight George Foreman. He became the honoured guest of kings and presidents who were keen to be seen with this most glamorous of athletes.

this era was extraordinary. in Zaire was \$10 million. Every-

Norman Mailer writes: "There is ahways a shock in seeing him again. Then the world's greatest athlete is in danger of being our most beautiful man. Women draw an audible hreath. Men looked down." In the film When We Were

Kings we see Ali with a variety of groups. He is comfortable with them all, particularly children. During the course of the film we see a national hero becoming a global leader. He had the makings of a director general of the United Nations. Norman Mailer called him "the black Kissinger".

He was open to all influences and he knew how to convert popularity into political capital. Unlike the Black Muslims he was inclusive. His embrace was worldwide. Unlike the Black Muslims who saw themselves a separate element, he was an independent champion who had stood out against the American State and had refused to use American arms against his brown brothers in South East Asia.

He was royally paid for his efforts and his magical hoxing style. His share of the profits of the fight with George Foreman thing about him was the greatest. His audience via satellite was the greatest that there had ever been. His message that the hlack man was equal to the white man was transmitted through a body of perfect proportions that danced around the ring on tiptoe, his oppo-

nents chasing shadows. What was the Ali message? First, there was the sheer physical power of his physique and the way he could move around the ring for 15 rounds outwitting his younger and stronger opponents. Then there was the technical message that the black man was way beyond the white man in the skills necessary to compete

as a heavyweight. The strongest part of his ideology was his anti-imperialism. He praised the arts and culture of the non-whites. His great esteem for his own skills did much to empower the millions in the ghettos to whom he was a hero.

He was the top man, the king of kings and he descended into the ring in a white robe and immediately inspired the audience to call out after him his battle cry

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To Western ears, of course, it sounds fair enough, unarguable good sense. Not so, though, here in Moscow or, indeed, to most Russians. Their foreign affairs analysts - working round the clock at present - will certainly have noticed when Shea began talking not only about Nato's "humanitarian mission" to stop ethnic cleansing but also about political ideology - the creation of a "multi-ethnic democracy" in Kosovo. For, in Moscow, the word democ-

racy - albeit completely unfairly rries more negative connotans today than at any time since the fall of the Soviet Union. It comes hand in hand with market capitalism - the chief reason, in the eyes of many that Russia is enduring an economic decline greater than the __sand Chechens. Great Depression. All this was presided over by a Democracy's actual achieve president and his "young reformer"

ments bere - more or less free ministers who, much of the time, of a president - have been forgotten about by all but a minority. They have been overtaken by more urgent issues of survival. In today's Russia, anyone billing themselves as a democrat can expect to be widely reviled.

So the confirmation that Nato's role is to export forcibly this littleloved Western ideology is only reinforcing the distrust and hatred



A Russian woman buys her groceries in a Moscow street-market. Most Russians blame democracy and the free market for their economic woes

Russia is down but not out

with which the alliance is now almost universally regarded in Russia following the start of the bombing campaign. Who, Russians ask, will be next?

To fully understand this sentiment - as f believe we must try to do-it is again necessary to view the world through a Russian prism. The years since the end of the Soviet era have seen the emaciation of beavy industry, the collapse of the welfare system, a blazingly corrupt mass privatisation scheme, hyperinflation, fraudulent pyramid rackets, a rise of almost every social evil (crime, disease, poverty, begging) and the abject defeat of the Russian army at the hands of a few thou-

the broad approval of the West. Final disillusionment set in last August when the rouble was devalued, Russia defaulted on its debts and almost all the "reformers" were thrown out of government. Nato's assault was the last straw, producing the defining moment in Russia's relationship

with the world. Russia's anger has several com-

ponents. It is furious with Nato, which they believe has unveiled itself as the old enemy, relentlessly expanding to Russian borders. Yet again, Russia's permaneot membership of the United Nations Security Council counted for nothing. This time, bombs were raining down not on Iraqis, but Slavs.

The effect is proving traumatic: another psychological blow in the long process of adjusting to the loss of an empire. The last 10 days have made it clear that Russia probably has little else in her playbook - short of taking the hazardous step of supplying weapons or soldiers to the Serbs - beyond symbolic gestures such as dispatching a surveillance warship to the Mediterranean. Otherwise, she can but bope that Nato will call oo it as an intermediary, and that it eventually will be extracted the world from another

terrible mess. In the meantime, concerns continue over the effect of the Kosovo crisis on the question of who runs Russia and the future path of this bruised and increasingly isolated country. Boris Yeltsin has long been marginalised by ill-bealth; most of his energy is now speot striking occasional postures as a national

figurehead, and pursuing a downand-dirty fight with a mow suspended) chief prosecutor who asked one question too many about corruption within the Kremlin. Yevgery Primakov, the premier, is the power

So far, the crisis bas beoefited him. He combines within his stocky frame the subtle instincts of an austere Soviet, wary but respectful of the West, and a cautious reformer. Turning on the anti-US and Nato rhetoric after the bombing started came naturally enough, allowing him to chime with the genuine mood of outrage across the country. Were elections held tomorrow, be would win overwhelmingly.

The prospect of President Primakey would of course, be greeted with scare stories in the United States, where the papers rarely ing up the ogre-ish Cold-War caricature of a "former spy master" a reference to his years as bead of the foreign intelligence service. (Why don't they attach the same health warning to ex-president George Bush?

It is true that his chipmunk smile disguises some unsavoury impulses - ambitions, for instance, to appoint rather than elect regional

governors. But the West's policymakers would probably still prefer the devil they think they know - a hard-bargaining pragmatist who wants softly-softly reforms, but not at the expense of political consensus. In his six months in office, be has dooe much to cultivate boods with the assortment of Communists and nationalists in parliament. But

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be is not an extremist or a madman. And be seems to mean it when he says that be wants Russia to stay out of the war, and maintain relations with the West

But madmen cannot entirely be ruled out. Mr Primakov says be doesn't want to run for president, though few believe him. If be doesn't, the picture becomes rather more alarming, given Russla's current anti-Westernism. The democrats believe their chances of been obliterated. Three of their leading lights - ex-prime minister, Yegor Gaidar, and former senior ministers, Boris Nemtsov and Boris Fyodorov - made a desperate effort to regain some ground by parading an anti-Nato stance. Few took them seriously. Even Milosevic's media condemned them as nothing more

than Western stooges. Ground has been left to the OF REPLY RUTH LEA

RIGHT



The head of policy at the Institute of Directors replies to a recent article by Diane Coyle

I READ Diane Coyle's article on the merits of the minimum wage with dismay. To use a phrase from a popular TV programme "I couldn't disagree with her more." There is no doubt that the extra costs and burdens that are being imposed on business by the minimum wage, the Working Time Directive, the Fairness at Work proposals and the employer administered Working Families Tax Credit will significantly damage businesses which elect to comply with the law.

Such increases in costs will effectively act as a tax on job retection and creation. To argue otherwise flies in the face of the elementary rules of supply and demand (unless Diane Covie believes the demand curve for labour is inelastic), Indeed I seem to remember that the Chancellor of the Exchequer suggested that one person's pay rise will be another person's job loss! You can't buck the market. Leave markets to assign, in their wbolly impersonal and amoral way, people to jobs at the "going rate" and let the tax-benefit system deal with issues of poverty.

Mikhail Metzel/AP

mainstream nationalists, Yuri

Luzhkov and Alexander Lebed, the

Communists led by Gennady

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ments of the far left and right. The

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They have all supported supplying

Yet Russian politics is a fluid busi-

ness. It is built around personalities,

and the requirements of the indus-

trial, oligarchic and regional élite.

There are no guy-ropes - like strong

parties, a demanding electorate, and

an exacting media - bolding the sys-

there by bullying and salesmanship.

The elections are not until Decem-

ber (for parliament) and next July

(the Kremlin). By then focus may

well have switched away from Nato. even if it is still drowning in the mire

Russia's economy may bave

shrivelled to the size of Belgium's,

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tem in place.

Overseas companies are already questioning whether the UK is a good place to invest given the substantial increase in costs and regulatory burdens. Estimates by Business Strategies suggesting that the minimum wage will lead to 80,000 lost jobs look, if anything, on the light side.

Moreover, the groups of people which are affected by the minimum wage are the ost vulnerable in market. They include people in botel and catering, the security business, the all-too-vulnerable textiles industry, residential bomes, and cleaning. The minimum wage is a sledgehammer to crack a nut -but the nut will be missed as the really exploitative rogue employers will ignore it.

In the days before the dole

THIS IS not just a book for history swots, although all but one of the contributors are academic historians. Each of the chapters tells a story which ends before the 1942 Beveridge Report, yet each is more than relevant to the present attempts at welfare reform. Indeed, there are a number of lessons here which even now it is not

too late for the Government to learn. ideas underpinning reform and how their collapse, or absence, leaves welfare provision easy prey to attack. How come, asks Britain's most gifted social historian, that this country should end up with the most impersonal and bureaucratic form of welfare? After all, welfare was, for more decades than each of us is likely to live, delivered Inrough face-to-face contact by what of civil society.



TUESDAY POEM

ENGAGED

BY JOEL LANE

You're talking slate. Chalk couldn't mark

its tacky slope. You're talking hailstones

spattered against all the small panes

on the outside of this telephone box.

You're talking spider's webs, too thin

to catch anything but the lamplight.

even if I hang up and walk free.

But if I keep one ear to myself

it's not to beat you to the last word.

I want the fall that the coin made

before you started to talk like this.

From Joel Lane's first collection. 'The Edge of the Screen'

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TUESDAY BOOK

BEFORE BEVERIDGE: WELFARE BEFORE THE WELFARE STATE EDITED BY DAVID GLADSTONE, INSTITUTE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, ER

The answer is paradoxical. The 19th Jose Harris's essay centres on the century Idealist beliefs of TH Green were not simply confined to an Oxfordeducated élite. While some of the finer points may have been missing, the élite's foot-soldiers working in societies, statistical and social enquiry groups, as well as elected officers on school boards and Poor Law unions. were fully paid-up members of the believing brother- and sisterhood. The aim of their policy was to develop charare now glibly called the organisations acter, and this was the judgement to be made in offering welfare. The cru-

cial consideration was whether the cause of independent citizenship was

advanced or damaged.

What Harris does not do is explain completely why the views of "deliberative welfare" should bave collapsed so easily, replaced by the growing principle of the ration-book economy. Perhaps there is oo answer. But this essay, and that by AW Vincent, is vital to today's debate. The Government seems to believe, or at least half-believe, that welfare's end is a more independent citizenry - just as the Idealists did. But it has totally failed to will the means.

The Idealists knew that the organisation delivering welfare could be crucial. In hacking away at insurance benefits, leaving the expansion in pensions to the private market, and pushing an even greater number on to means tests, the Government does not stand a chance of achieving the stated objectives.

Vincent helps in rehabilitating the Charity Organisation Society, a hody reviled in left-wing demonology. He accomplishes this with style. Here was a major body dispensing welfare - providing it reinforced character. And character was not used as a moral means test but, as Harris reminds us, as a stimulus to independence and political emancipation. The irony bere is that the COS methods are now once again in vogue. The New Deal advisers may dress differently from their Victorian predecessors, but their job

is remarkably similar. In ber essay, Pat Thane shows her quality as a historian by gently istence? Easy for a politician of Lloyd for welfure reform



Clement Attlee implemented the Beveridge Report and created the NHS

unpacking one of Henry Pelling's George's ability. Just use them as the provocative studies of working-class backbone of the new service. attitudes to welfare.

Pelling argued that the working class disliked state-provided welfare because it meant prying officials enforcing middle-class values, because they preferred the independence which came from membership of mutual societies and because of the belief that the state was run largely for the rich. Many preferred regular work and decent pay as the best means of achieving the good life. I wonder how long the endless rant about globalisation will

keep this demand from resurfacing? Working-class ownership of their own welfare state is one of the major themes developed by Noel Whiteside. She, more than anyone, has attempted to show that collective provision was delivered outside the state. A listening government would have simply lifted this body of work as the basis for selling stakeholder pensions.

Lloyd George was determined to establish the beginnings of the NHS. But friendly and mutual-aid societies were already delivering in this field. How could these bodies be kept in ex-

Long before any of today's politicians startled themselves by calling for a division between purchaser and supplier, Britain's mass welfare provisioo did just this. That was until Aneuren Bevin beat Herbert Morrisoo and persuaded the Attlee government to nationalise and take bealth services away from local control

David Gladstone keeps the essays duly focused, so that the history is seen to be relevant to today's debate. Some write of Lloyd George as Gordon Brown's role model. In one key respect. Brown has to learn that part of his bero's brilliance in welfare was to raise the money through national insurance, which no one saw as a tax. The Chancellor's slips of tongue about the national insurance "tax" and his aligning of tax and national insurance thresholds (so doubling the 10p starting-rate are mistakes that the old wizard would not have made.

FRANK FIELD

The reviewer is Labour MP for Birkenhead and the former minister



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Dorothea Brooking

THE WORK of Edith Nesbit, the turn-of the-century children's author, is known to generations of 20thcentury children not only through the printed word but through television, film and video. The first British television version of her 1906 story The Railway Children was adapted and produced by Dorothea Brooking, and transmitted by the BBC as an eightpart serial in February-March 1951. Edward Barnes, former Head of Children's programmes, states that through her realisation of the books of E. Neshit, Brooking "conjured up a world of Edwardian childhood that bas never been surpassed".

Young viewers of today, accustomed to multi-channelled coloured television, would find it difficult to imagine the media in March 1950 when Brooking transferred from the BBC overseas service at Busb House to be a producer in the newly formed children's television department at Alexandra Palace. The black-and-white BBC channel was the only one available, and only to people living within range of the London and Sutton Coldfield transmitters. The July 1949 mass observation report on television had found that only one in 50 interviewees had a television set, and one in three had never seen television. Expansion came rapidly in the 1950s.

Brooking was born Dorothea Smith Wright in 1916, to a family with theatrical connections. One ancestor was the 19th-century actor Charles Mayne Young (died 1856), wbo performed at Drury Lane, and Dorothea's brother was also an actor. Educated at boarding school in England and finishing school in Montreux, Dorothea studied acting at the Old Vic - her stage name was Daryl Wilde - where she met and married a fellow student. John Brooking, whose stage name was Franklin.

After the birth of her son, Timothy, the family went to Sbanghai where Dorothea spent two years working in Shanghai radio. Escaping before the Japanese occupation in the Second World War she joined the BBC on her return to England. one of seven producers - four women and three men - who were chosen from over 100 applicants.

The department soon left the confines of two tiny studios at Ally Pally for the larger studio reserved for children's programmes at the for-London. This was hardly luxury by present-day standards as there were only three cameras, very few film facilities and a limited pool of actors with television experience, until commercial television started in 1955.

In spite of the high cost of sets. many families bought one in order to watch the coronation of Elizabeth Il in 1953. By 1955 more children were watching television than listening to children's radio programmes. Everybody was expected to be versatile, and Dorothea Brooking's early programmes covered such diverse subjects as HMS Worcester and agricultural implements.

In 1951 came ber adaptation of The Railway Children, with Carole Lorimer, Michael Croudson and Marian Chapman playing the chil-dren. This was transmitted live, and appealed to adults and children alike. It was followed in 1952 with another huge success, the first of Brooking's three BBC productions of another children's classic, Frances Hodgson Bur-

In her adaptations of E. Nesbit's books, Brooking 'conjured up a world of Edwardian childhood that has never been surpassed'

nett's The Secret Garden, starring Elizabeth Saunders as Mary Lennox. Also in that year, Brooking made a programme for younger children entitled Meet The Penguins, which was written by ber sister Josephine. The penguins, drawn by Bill Hooper, were like animated puppets.

Brooking's talent for children's serials had by now heen establisbed, and the remaining years of the decade saw ber productions of Gentle Falcon, Benbow, The Angels, The Prince and the Pauper, Black Brigand (based on a Dumas story). Little Lord Fauntleroy and Louisa May Alcott's Good Wives, with Phyl-

lis Calvert playing Mrs March. By 1959 television was no longer "the rich man's toy", and the term "children's television" was dropped mer film studios in Lime Grove. West from hillings. Brooking's production of Great Expectations with Dinsdale Landen playing Pip was seen as the Sunday serial, by many who had

never read Charles Dickens's novel. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer



1960, and the second BBC production of The Secret Gorden with Prunella Scales playing Martha repeated the original success to an increased audience. Brooking then adapted The Treasure Seekers, another Nesbit novel (first published 1899) with Philip Latham. The Phoenix and the Carpet followed in 1974

Other 1960s productions included The Rackety Street Gong Katy (based on Susan Coolidge's stories of a girl in late 19th-century America. and in 1963 Eric Ambler's Epitaph for n Spy. In 1964 the children's department amalgamated with women's programmes to form a short-lived department entitled "Family Programmes". Brooking spent some time in schools broadcasting where her notable programmes included a play about the Brontë Sisters, before returning to children's programmes.

In the late 1960s she retired early from the BBC and went freelance. Television had changed enormously in just two decades. A television followed in seven episodes from July set was now "part of the furniture".

Commercial television bad brought a second channel in 1955 and BBC2 started up in 1964.

Noel Streatfeild had long been a favourite with children. Her novel Ballet Shoes bad first been heard on radio Children's Hour in 1947 and had had three subsequent sound productions. Streatfeild was a friend of Brooking, who directed an adaptation of her 1970 novel Thursday's Child, reputedly with the author playing a small part. Rumer Godden was another friend wbo worked professionally with Brooking. The adaptation of her 1972 Whitbread award-winning book The Diddakoi was transmitted on 27 December 1972 as Kizzy, the name of the heroine. Nineteen seventy-five saw Brooking's third adaptation and production of The Secret Garden for the BBC

not only in Britain but also in the US. Although she worked on other serials until her last in 1981, The Hounting of Cassie Palmer by Vivienne Alcock, Dorothea Brooking

retired in 1974 he left his successors

school of the university.

The video of this production was sold

will be remembered for her talent in

hringing to life childrens classics. Anna Home, in her book Into The Box of Delights (1993), a bistory of children's television, paid tribute to Dorothea Brooking as "one of the most influential makers of drama from the early Fifties oowards". A vision mixer from early days remembers her as "very serious hut good to work with, very combatant at a time wheo many were not she was outstanding in that way". The respect and affection of those

who worked with her extended to her friends and neighbours in Sussex. Dorothea Brooking acted with the Nutley local drama society (and was Its president when she died) and worked for the church.

JUNE AVERILL

Dorothea Smith Wright, television producer and director: born Slough, Berkshire 7 December 1916: married 1936 John Brooking (died | turn from Elba that was to end with 1984: one son); died Haywards | Waterloo. It became an immense Heath. West Sussex 23 March 1999. | success with critics and readers, and

Claude Manceron

AT SCHOOL, I could never believe what I read in my very tedious, pictureless history textbooks, until my interest was awakened in fourth form French by one of our "set books", Jules Michelet's 19thcentury life of Louis IX (Saint Louisi whose adventurous and admirable life (1215-70) culminated in canonisation by Pope Boniface VIII. I believed every word of it. Part of my fascination sprang from the initial difficulties I experienced in reading the text, then from my gradual realisation that I was not just understanding it, but also enjoying the graceful literary style as well as the story. I wonder if fourth formers read such works today. I doubt it.

Claude Manceron, like President Mitterrand, the man in whose service many years of his life were spent, was also a fervent admirer of Michelet, His childhood was an enchanted one, in Britiany, where his father was a naval officer married to the romantic figure of Marie Mavrogordato, a penniless Greek princess

Then, at the age of 11, Claude was struck down by poliomyelitis and had to spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair, thus depriving him of all formal education. But that proved a secret blessing. He developed a passion for reading, and his parents kept him well supplied with all kinds of books - poetry, biography, navigation manuals, works of science, novels of all kinds and above all history, in which his great favourite was Michelet.

Claude Manceron was an enthusiastic filmgoer too, and it was Abel Gance's great Napoléon (the 1934 sound version of the 1927 classic) that made him decide to become an historian.

Despite his handicap, Manceron was a man of formidable courage and great intellectual energy, with a passionate love of life and enthusiasm for everything he undertook. When be was only 17 be became an instructor to the handicapped at the Saint-Clement centre, where he worked all through the Occupation.

Though he was academically unqualified, he became a great teacher of the bandicapped, bringing them all his knowledge of history, natural sciences, philosophy and literature. His teaching was that of a devoted fellow-sufferer, filled with emotion, imagination and bumour, the qualities be was to transform into the literary rapture of his writings.

In 1956, be published his first book, a historical novel, A peine un printemps, about an event that was to occupy his writing life, the Hundred Days - Napoleon's all-too-brief reManceron decided to devote the rest of his life to writing. But though his novel had been a success, he felt that the form was not really suited to all he wanted to express about history. So he followed it with Tambour de Borodino (1959), Le dernier choix de Napoléon (1960), Napoléon reprend Paris (1965) and Austerlitz (1962), all lively, exhilaratingly vivid true historical hanpenings and characters.

Manceron also wrote historical hiographies including one devoted to his friend and adviser, Cent mille voix par jour pour Mitterrand ("One Hundred Thousand Voices a Day for Mitterrand"), when the future president was the candidate of the Left for the Presidency - he was finally elected in 1981. He also wrote books on Beaumarchais and Mirabeau (1968 and 1969).

But Claude Manceron's greatest work was one he devised when he became editorial adviser to the publisher Robert Laffont in 1960. It was to be a multi-volume work, an enormous history of the Revolution as seen through the eyes and the words of an extensive dramatis personae of real people, all speaking in character and to the immediate historical point. In 1963 he planned a series of six volumes with the overall title of Les Hommes de la liberté, of which the first tome, Les Vingt ans du roi, appeared in 1973, followed almost annually by subsequent volumes until the fifth, Le Sang de la Bastille,

An offshoot of this task was another massive work, a Dictionnaire biographique de la Révolution française (1989) which brings to startling life not only the main protagonists hut also the less well-known, covering 500 names from d'Abancourt, who directed the 10 August resistance in the Tuileries, to Ysabeau, representative from Indre-et-Loire at the Convention nationale.

All this later work was made possible in the peace of the countryside with the collaboration of his wife Anne, a tireless researcher, But, like his idol Michelet's final monumental Histoire, Manceron's great sequence remained unfinished with the fifth volume, when he had to abandon the sbeer physical labour of writing. Until 1995, he remained in his post at the Elysee, one of Mitterrand's most treasured friends and advisers. Claude Manceron remains a shining example of triumph over adversity, and of scholarship without pedantry. And totally believable.

JAMES KIRKUP

Claude Manceron, historian: born Paris 5 February 1923: twice married, secondly to Ann Colson: died Rambouillet, France 23

Sir Ross Chesterman

WHEN ROSS Chesterman became Warden of Goldsmiths' in 1953, it was a small college beset with academic and financial problems, facing an uncertain future in its relations with London University. Today it is a constitutional and flourishing school of the university. Most of the necessary ground work that made this transformation possible was carried out during Chesterman's 21-year term as warden.

Chesterman was born in 1909, and graduated with first class bonours in Chemistry from Imperial College, London, in 1930. He went on to comhine a career in polytechnic teaching with part-time doctoral studies. After the award of his doctorate in 1937, he taught in various grammar schools, served as beadmaster of Meols Cop Secondary School in Southport from 1946 to 1948 and held the post of chief county inspector of schools for Worcestershire from 1948 to 1953. Then, in his mid forties, he applied for the wardenship of Goldsmiths' College and much to his surprise and delight.

was appointed. His delight was swiftly qualified as he came to realise the complexity of the task which he has taken on. Goldsmiths' was an institutional anomaly. It consisted of a teacher training department, an arts school. and a department of evening studies, all separately funded and intent on following their own agendas.

College policy as such was decided by a delegacy of London University, which owned the freehold of the land on which the college stood. A few of the staff held the status of recognised teacher, which allowed them to serve as examiners.

In other teacher training colleges, all students followed a twoyear certificate. Some of Goldsmiths' students, however, were registered as undergraduates, but admission to these courses was restricted to prospective teachers. The college was also allowed to award its own teacher certificates. In all other matters. Its scope for policy initiatives was strictly circumscribed.



Nevertheless, Goldsmiths' worked reasonably well as an educational institution. During the first decade of Chesterman's wardenship, it began to work even better. With the belp of his registrar, George Wood, he imposed a coherent structure on its managerial and financial arrangements. He created a greater sense of collegiate unity while preserving the distinctive identities of Goldsmiths' three institutional parts. He appointed a younger generation of new education lecturers. The art school prospered and achieved new eminence. The evening courses were transformed into a burgeoning

department of adult studies. Chesterman's plans for securing the future of Goldsmiths', bowever, were overtaken by the dramatic expansion of higher education which followed the publication of the Rohbins Report in 1963. In the early 1960s, Chesterman anticipated these changes and persuaded the college and the delegacy that unless Goldsmiths' diversified and grew, it would eventually be absorbed into one of the new polytechnics. He wanted Goldsmiths' either to become a school of London University or to be

granted its own independent charter Cbesterman devoted the second decade of his wardenship to the aim

of creating a new kind of university

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institution in south-east London He wanted it to become a college offering a combination of courses in academic disciplines, professional teacher education, the creative and panied Ross on his travels throughperforming arts and adult learning. New degrees were soon established in the social sciences, social and community work, music, drama and dance. With much patience and diplomacy Chesterman persuaded the university to establish the college's first chairs in education and social administration. The second of these posts was funded by the Borough of Lewisham, and was the first university chair to be sponsored by

a local authority. Despite these achievements, the Murray Committee refused to award school status to Goldsmiths' when it reported on the future of London University in 1972. Indeed, the committee went on to recommend that Goldsmiths' links with the university should cease. Chesterman, with the backing of many influential supporters, secured the restoration of the status quo. But the denial of school status was a cruel setback.

Chesterman refused to accept

defeat. He spent the last two years

of his wardenship restoring morale.

encouraging new academic initia-

tives and attracting more revenue

to finance further growth. When he

Goldsmiths'. the London Borough of Lewisham and its local schools and social services. In 1968 he was made a Liveryman and Freeman of the Goldsmiths' Company and his distinguished services to education were recognised by the conferment of a knighthood in 1970. He married Audrey Hollick in 1938 and this was to be the beginning of a close and constant partnership that enriched hoth of their lives. They shared the same enthusiasms for hill

out the world as an educational consultant. They were together for eight years of happy retirement until Audrey's death in 1982. Ross had an imposing presence. a natural congeniality and concern for others and a great zest for life. He married again in 1985 and shorthy afterwards moved to the Lake District with his second wife. Patricia. He died a few days short of his 90th birthday, still active and happily in-volved with family life and friends.

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and music. Audrey always accom-

ROBERT PINKER Ross Chesterman, educationist and university administrator: born 27 April 1909: Headmaster. Meols Cop Secondary School. Southport 1946-48: Chief County Inspector of Schools. Worcestershire 1948-53: Warden, Goldsmiths' College 1953-74. Honorary Fellow 1980: Dean, College of Craft Edu- the trappings." cotion tlater College of Design, Craft and Technology! 1958-60. Vice-Master 1960-82, Master 1982-99; Kt 1970; married 1938 Audrey Horlick (died 1932; one son, one daugh-

ter). 1985 Patricia Burns Bell; died

GARY MORTON was married to a college that was prepared and Lucille Ball for 28 years until her grammes. He was a moderately

poised for future success. In 1987, the death, and became executive senate voted to make Goldsmiths' a producer of her television pro-Throughout his long life. Ross successful stand-up comic who had Chesterman strove to foster and en- graduated from the summer camp courage innovation and excellence circuit to night-clubs when he met in teaching. He was continuously ac-Ball on a blind date. rive in huilding closer links between

Born Morton Goldapper in New York in 1917, he learned the rutiments of the comedian's art entertaining troops during the Second World War while serving in the Army Special Services. Afterwards he became a regular entertainer on the "Borscht Belt", the string of summer camps in the Catskills, and by 1961 had graduated to night-club work, including sets at the Copaca-

bana in New York One of his friends was a fellowcomic Jack Carter, whose wife Paula Wayne was appearing on Broadway in a musical starring Lucille Ball. Ball had divorced Desi Arnaz in May 1960, and with her marriage and hit television series I Love Lucy both over, she had decided to try conquering Broadway.

The vehicle she chose. Wildcat, underwent drastic changes during its tryout tour, received lukewarm reviews on its Broadway opening, and the energetic singing-dancing role proved an arduous chore for the 49year old actress. To help her relax, Wayne and Carter suggested that she accompany them on a blind date

with Morton. "I put it off two or three times," said Ball later, "I was too tired. Finally one night I was hungry and said 'Well, I'll go for something to eat' and I met Gary. We had fun, and started seeing each other after the theatre. I found out that he was uncomplicated, good, sweet, hip, funny, and he appreciated a home, not just

In November 1961, Ball and Morton were married. (Wildcot's run had been terminated in June when Ball collapsed on stage.) "I didn't want to get married again." stated Ball. "I didn't think I would find a mature, derstanding guy who is wonderful to be around and uncomplicated. He has none of the worrisome characteristics I had lived with, f learned from experience, f wasn't going to walk into the same trap." Instead of a honeymoon, Morton

Gary Morton

completed a pre-arranged nightclub tour while Ball returned to California to fill ber post as chairman of Desilu Productions. The following year, when Ball relurned to the television screen in a new hit series. The Lucy Show, Morton had his first involvement with her career when he acted as warm-up comedian, telling jokes

to the audience prior to transmission. Later he would occasionally appear in a small acting role. For a time Ball's ex-husband Desi Arnaz was the show's executive producer but he was ultimately replaced hy Morton. In 1967, when Ball sold Desilu to

Paramount, she formed a new company, Lucille Ball Productions, and named Morton vice-president, In 1968 The Lucy Show underwent some cast and plot changes and, with the title Here's Lucy, became a production of the new company, with Morton still sometimes warming up the audience.

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Those who knew the couple had conflicting opinions of Morton, One friend described him as "a borse's neck", a nuisance with little ability of his own, while others claimed that he worked extremely hard to become

a good executive. Ball berself when interviewed would stress the warmth and joy be brought into her life and would staunchly defend her hiring him (along with other relatives) to work with her. "Gary studied five years before be took over," she declared, adding, "Tve been very lucky with the use of nepotism. Why not? If you have a nepot around that's worthy, use him or ber . . . by the way, what the hell exactly is

Here's Lucy's run finally ended in 1974 - it had peaked in 1970 when an episode on which Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton were guest stars achieved one of the highest ratings in television history. Both during its run and afterwards. Morton produced several specials starring Ball, including Lucy in London (1966), but an attempt to resurrect the sitcom formula for Ball in 1986, titled Life with Lucy and produced by Morton and Aaron Spelling, was cancelled after only two months.

Morton played occasional film roles, including that of a comedian in Lenny (1974) and a famous star's husband in Postcards From The Edge (1990), and be was an executive producer of the early Tom Cruise film All The Right Moves (1983). After Ball's death in 1989, Morton retired to their home in Palm Springs, where he enjoyed playing golf, and three years ago he married again,

TOM VALLANCE

Morton Goldapper (Gary Morton), comedian and television producer born New York 1917; married first Jacqueline Inmoor (marriage dissolved), second 1961 Lucille Boll (died 1989); third 1996 Susie McAllister: died Palm Springs, Florida

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Steinberg surrounded by vintage costume and period jewellery at Steinberg and Tolkein. "more museum than shop"

Ray Main

Mark Steinberg

WITH THE death of Mark Steinberg, the King'a Road - that enduring symbol of Swinging London - has lost one of its more colourful (some might even say outrageous) characters. Not some celebrity restaurateur or hairdresser, but in fact the American-born mottre d' of Steinberg and Tolkien, a Tardis-like emporium that is home to the most extensive collection of vintage costume and period jewellery in Britain, if not the world. And not just any old costume, but the stuff of dreams.

Hidden in the depths of his atmospherically lit Aladdin's Cave, Mark Steinberg held court - there's really no other word for it - from a high stool behind a Fifties cocktail bar. He was surrounded by the glittering and precious minders of at least five decades of couture (ballgowns and cocktail dresses from a more glamorous age); and his day would often be punctuated by the breathless arrival of some fragrant supermodel or actress. Lured by the heady mix of legendary labels - Chanel, St Laurent, Dior, Balenciaga and Pucci perhaps - they would find themselves equally drawn by Steinberg's infamously

Yates to dash in for a quick cuddle.

ways surrounded by beautiful women, which he loved of course," says his daughter Tracy Tolkien, who ran the business in partnership with her father. "He was so well-known and well-loved that he'd have visiting Japanese tourists coming into the shop and telling him that he was famous in Tokyo."

He was also pretty renowned in Paris, Milan and New York, Fashion designers like Tom Ford, of Gucci, or the British mavericks John Galliano and Alexander McQueen; serious couture collectors; fashion stylists and students all benefited from Steinberg's passion for his subject, a passion that inspired him to search harder for the most perfect pieces and delve deeper to glean their often fascinating provenances.

Second-hand maybe, old certainly, but Steinberg and Tolkien is no thrift shop. Among the most memorable and seductive snippets of style history that have passed through its unprepossessing doors, are a silk velvet evening bag that belonged to a member of the Christensen were regular visitors and sule, the jewel-encrusted evening dress poser and jazz musician. He later found 3 March 1999.

it certainly wasn't unheard of for Paula that once hung in Jackie Onassis's time to start his own advertising agency wardrobe, a lilac linen Nehru suit that in his native St Louis. "Everyone adored him - he was al- came out of Elton John's closet and sparkly gems worn by Madonna in the 1996 film Evita.

Steinberg was a familiar figure at the international auction houses where he was infamous for his strong and particular tastes as well as his dogged determination to acquire anything that he wanted badly enough - even if it was in such a sorry state of repair that it could never be worn. Such gloriously faded relics would live out their twilight years as shimmering gossamer sculptures. In fact, for many of his fans, Steinberg's vast collection of vintage treasures was almost more museum than shop and his knowledge of the business and ability to sniff out the rarest and most covetable pieces was second to none.

It wasn't always that way. Mark Steinberg came to the world of couture costume rather late in life, when he was already in his fifties. Always artistic in temperament, he had had a career in the Hollywood film industry (his Howard Hughes/Yul Brynner/Orson Welles

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His third career began when his daughter married the English barrister Simon Tolkien (grandson of J.R.R.) and opened a vintage jewellery business in the Chenil Galleries, on the King's Road. It was then, in 1987, that Steinberg, with his wife Anne, moved to London to help with the growing husiness. He left behind in Missouri a son, who has since become involved in the business, huying and shipping out of American vintage clothing. The other son, a successful Wall Street banker, is the family's "black sheep".

A few years after Mark Steinberg's move, in 1993 Steinberg and Tolkien expanded dramatically into the cavernous two-floor space at 193 King's Road it occupies today. Steinberg was a permanent, extravagant, geoerous and spirited fixture of the shop for the past decade. And to his family, staff and customers, his spirit remains there still.

BELINDA MORRIS

Mork Steinberg, vintage clothing dealer: born St Louis. Missouri 17 Novemwicked wit and the general party at- French Resistance and was found by anecdotes were legendary; and was a ber 1927; married 1957 Anne Turask mosphere. Kate Moss and Helena Steinberg complete with cyanide cap- sometime scriptwriter, classical com- (two sons, one daughter): died London

HISTORICAL NOTES

JOHN HARDMAN

Give the people what is good for them

LOVE HIM or hate him, it is And Robespierre perverted impossible to be neutral democracy. Or rather, he

about Robespierre. Either he is the "incorruptible", the incarnation of the Revolutionary world and its martyr or, quite simply, he is the father of modern totalitarian government. That he was incorruptible is beyond dispute; no accusations of sleaze were made against him or his followers. At the height of his power - the most powerful man in the most powerful country in the world - he lived in a bed-sitter overlooking the timber yard of his host, the johbing carpenter Duplay with whom he lived en famille. Mme Duplay lavished white bread, jams and (his favourite) oranges on their distinguished guest. On calm evenings he would walk in the Champs- Elysées with the eldest of the Duplay girls, Eleonore, and his faithful spaniel, Brount, who had emerged together with his master from provincial obscurity in Arras on Robespierre's election in 1789 to what would soon become the

National Assembly. There are, however, more subtle forms of corruption than financial. Indeed when financial purity went hand in hand with sober bloodletting, the corruptibility of a Danton, who in the spring of 1794 tried to end the Terror, seems almost part and parcel of his essential humanity. Corruptio optimi pessima. Perversion of the highest ideal is the worst of all.

NEXT MONTH the University

of the Oxford University Press,

will cease to exist, apart from a

small unit for domestic printing.

OUP now stands for a great

toration England. Clarendon's

History of the Rebellion gave

the press its first best-seller, and

a name, attached to the new

truilding paid for with the profits.

At the end of the 18th centu-

ry. demand for bibles multiplied.

The press put in new equip-

ment, pioneered the stereotype

process, and introduced steam-

driven machines. It branched

out into classics, Oriental texts,

Keble's The Christian Year,

Stubbs's Select Charters, Lid-

dell and Scott's Greek lexicon.

century was Bartholomew

Price. He turned the press to

educational publishing, Eng-

lish literature, and took on

James Murray and the Oxford

English Dictionary. He set up

the bible warehouse in London,

near St Paul's. "OUP" had now

become a triad: the learned

Clarendon Press and the Print-

ing House at Oxford, with the

"London Business" at Amen

House. The printing house

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sion" of the Bible was printed:

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Clerk Maxwell's Treatise on

million copies were sold.

The great figure of the 19th

teased out the totalitarian implications of Rousseau's

Du Contrat social of 1762. Rousseau had the dark thought that when your views do not prevail in a vote, it is because you were wrong in your assessment of what was the "general will" of the people, the objective of the democratic process. This led to the notion that the people should be given not what they actually want hut what they would want if properly informed and motivated; what, in the vernacular, "is good for them" - the basis of every dictatorship of the Left.

The process of determin-

ing the "general will" was a qualitative rather than quantitative exercise. Once, however, politicians are freed from the necessity of counting heads, the road to dictatorship is laid wide open. Robespierre and his imitators believed that though they were a minority, they stood for all the people, So, Robespierre argued, the activists who stormed the king's palace on 10 August 1792 stood proxy for the whole people". So those who had signed monarchical petitions were excluded from elections because they were not the real people, only a load of counter-revolutionaries. This perhaps is what Robespierre meant when he said that he didn't just "represent the people but was the people".

The reductio ad absur-

Closing chapter in a

500-year print run

dum of this was reached during his last stand at the Commune on the night of 27/28 July 1794. It was proposed to send a proclamation to the armies. "But in whose name?" Robespierre asked. "Why, in the name of the Convention (Parliament), the rest. are just a load of conspirators." There were just five MPs at the Commune, After a pause, Robespierre replied, "it is my opinion that it should be sent in the name of the French people". There were at that moment less than 200 "people" at the Commune, many locked in from the inside to prevent them deserting. These were Robespierre's last recorded words. Minutes later, as the Greek gods' comment on such impiety, the Convention's troops stormed the building, Robespierre's jaw was smashed by a bullet and before the

the guillotine. The key to Robespierre's success was that he fused ideology with conventional 18th-century political management: the result was militant politics which he invented - the mechanism by which a minority of activists can impose its will on a lazy majority. Its fullest flowering was the Jacobin clubs, a national network of ginger groups, his most original creation.

sun set he was carried to

John Hardman is the author of Robespierre' (Longman, £12.99) and Louis XVI (Yale, £12)

GAZETTE

BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

DEATHS

GARDNER: Andrew, passed away suddenly on 2 April 1999, aged 66. A much loved husband, father and grandfather, who will be dearly missed by all his loving family and all who knew him. A service for Andrew will be held at St George's Church, Benenden, Kent, on Monday 12 April 1999 at 11.30am. No flowers but donations if desired please to the Kent Air Ambulance, c/o T.W. Fuggle & Son Funeral Directors, 20 Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6QU. Telephone 01580 763340.

ROYAL **ENGAGEMENTS**

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, chairs a meeting of the Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, at Windsor Castle. The Prince of Wales visits Hunters of Brora Ltd. Sutherland, Scotland; visits the Renal and Oncology Departments at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness and, as Patron. Macmillan Cancer Relief, unveils a bench outside the hospital; and visits Cantraybridge. Rural Skills College, Cawdor, Nairn, Scotland.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

BIRTHDAYS

Mr Franta Belsky, sculptor, 78: Sir Paul Beresford MP. 53; Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary, Unison, 54; Mr Rory Bremner. impressionist, 38; Mr John Brooke-Little, former Clarenceux King of Arms, 72; Mr Ivan Callan, ambassador to Oman, 56; Miss Anne Campbell MP, 59; Miss Jnan Carlyle, soprano, 68; Mr Bernard Carter, painter and etcher, 79; Mr Anthony Chubb, former chairman, Foseco, 71; Mr Roger Cook, broadcaster and journalist, 56; Mr Paul Daniels, magician, 61; Admiral Sir Desmond Dreyer, 89; Mr Julian Faber, former chairman, Willis, Faber and Dumas, 82; Mr Willis Hall, writer, 70; Dr David Ingram, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Kent at Canterbury, 72; Sir John Knox, former High Court judge, 74: Lord Moore of Wolvercote, former private secretary to the Queen, 78; The Rev Ian Paisley, MP and MEP 73; Miss Felicity Palmer, mezzo-soprano, 55; Mr André Previn, composer and conductor, 70: Mr Dudley Sutton, actor, 66; Mr Dilip Vengsarkar, cricketer, 43; Professor James D. Watson, geneticist and Nobel prizewinner, 71; Sir Marcus Worsley Bt, Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, 74.

ANNIVERSARIES

Births: Jean-Baptiste Rousseau, playwright and poet, 1671; James Mill, philosopher and historian, 1773; Alexander Ivanovich Herzen, journalist and politi-

cian, 1812; Johann Georg Mettenleiter, composer, 1812; Friedrich Robert Volkmann. composer, 1815; Gustave Moreau, painter, 1826; René Lalique, jewellery designer, 1860; Louis Raemaekers. artist and cartoonist, 1869; Harry Houdini (Erich Weiss), magician and escapologist, 1874; Anthony Herman Gerard Fokker, aircraft designer, 1890; Sir John Betjeman, poet 1906.

Deaths: Richard I (Coeur de Lion), King of England, killed in battle 1199; Matthias Corvmus, King of Hungary, 1490; Raphael Sanzio, painter, 1520; Albrecht Dürer, artist, 1528; Sir Francis Walsingham, statesman, 1590; John Stow, historian and antiquary, 1605; Sir William Hamilton, diplomat and archaeologist, husband of Emma Hamilton, 1803; Niels Henrik Abel, mathematician, 1829; Giovanni Pascoli, poet, 1912; Edward Arlington Robinson, poet, 1935; Robert Courtneidge, theatrical producer, 1939; Jules Jean-Baptiste Vincent Bordet, bacteriologist, 1961; Igor Fyodorovich Stravinsky. composer, 1971; Milton Ager, popular composer, 1979; Jimmy Kennedy, songwriter, (South of the Border), 1984; Isaac Asimov, biochemist and science fiction writer, 1992; Greer Garson (Eileen Evelyn Greer), actress, 1996.

On this day: St Paul's Cathedrai and other churches were badly damaged following an earthquake tremor in London, 1580; Jan van Riebeeck landed at the Cape. South Africa, to establish a trading station for the Dutch East India Compay, 1652; 20

chius of Constantinople, St slaves were burned or hanged following a revolt in Marcellinus of Carthage. St Prudentius of Troyes and SI New York, 1712; George William of Eskilsoe. Washington was elected as first US president, 1789; the British captured the city from the French at the Bat-

gins. "North and South tir: Liss, Judith in the Tent of Holofernes", 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: David Huckvale. Instruments", 2.30pm. Tate Gallery: James Malpas. "Hogarth's Sense of Drama", 1pm. British Museum: Lorna Oakes, "The Napatan 11.30am.

Mr Stephen Nash, to be Ambassador to Latvia. Mr Tony Smith, to be to Jamaica. Mr Edward Clay, to be to Cyprus. Head of the Civil Appeals Office. Criminal Court. Mr Francis Trevor Woodman Pinkerton, to be a full-time Immigration

Mr David Green, to be

Director-General of the

British Council.

LECTURES

National Gallery: Colin Wig-"The Collection of Keyboard Dynasty of Ancient Egypt". National Portrait Gallery: Valerie Holman. "The Victorians at Work; individual and group portraits", 1 10pm.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr Charlie Mochan, to be Ambassador to Madagascar. Britisb High Commissioner British High Commissioner Mr Roger Venne, appointed Judge Martin Stephens QC, to he a Judge of the Central Adjudicator, sitting in Greater London

Printing House, the oldest part THE INDEPENDENT ARCHIVE 6 APRIL 1989

publishing business, but printing has been part of the uni-Nicolas Barker versity since the first printer came to Oxford (if not to stay) in deplores the passing of 1478. Two centuries later Bishthe printing house op Fell really set up the business. which was integral The foundation of the OUP to the history of ranks with the foundation of the Royal Society as one of the inthe Oxford tellectual achievements of Res-

> (1873) was the first of many great scientific works. Jowett's Plato, Skeat's Chaucer, Oxford Classical Texts, made OUP a household word to scholars all over the world. Fowler's Modern English Usage, the 1900 Oxford Book of English Verse, the first of many "Oxford Books", the "World's Classics". most pocketable of reprint series, added to its reputation in the 20th century. The press

University Press

spread overseas How is it that, with no early warning signal, the Printing House, the nucleus of a worldwide dominance of printing, should be closed? The causes go a long way back. They are not fools or philishines at Oxford, though hard pressed by the government hlitz on higher education. What has driven them to destroy as vital a part of the country's heritage as the Rolls Royce, the Tower of London or Bath Oliver biscuits?

Perhaps it really began in the Fifties, when the US governwas published, 17 May 1881, a ment was investing huge sums in higher education and univer-

ing House in particular was pounding out academic monographs and school texts as hard as they could. Then came the terrible early Seventies. The Americans cut back: inflation went into double figures, there was a paper famine and prices trebled in 18 months, and worst of all - Retail Price Maintenance. OUP had no capital to face this barrage:

cut-back was essential.

All branches of OUP suffered, but the Printing House worst. A lot of business had been driven elsewhere, notably the Far East, where prices were far cheaper. Photo-lithography hrought a decline in letterpress printing which was killed by the rise of metal prices in the Sixties. The Printing House's unique skill in complex setting, whether Chinese or pure physics, did not take kindly to the new technology. Its business shrank from 13 per cent of the OUP turnover of £15m in 1970 to 7 per cent of £100m in 1988. In 1970 there were 930 employees, in 1988, 250. The will to survive went, too; it spread from the top downwards.

Loss of morale tends to be accepted as inevitable, but was this inevitable? Professor York Powell said a century ago that a university consisted of a library and a press. Oxford has lost its press, and can barely support the Bodleian. What if the OUP should shrink to an agency, huying print elsewhere and with no more hardware around than desk-top VDUs for text-processing? If so, it will have sold its birthright and lost all reason for existing.

sities were springing up like From 'The Independent', Electricity and Magnetism mushrooms. OUP and its Print- Thursday 6 April 1989

reinforcements". The word

TOO LITTLE reviewed last year, but logged in this column ("permie"), Stickleback was a fine first novel by the geneticist John McCabe and was a word-ofmouth success. Now comes Paper. Its lab-bound hero's perverse logicality is deployed with all the energy of Ignatius J. Reilly in A Confederancy of Dunces.

WORDS **CHRISTOPHER** HAWTREE

combover, n.

He observes a combover, where several strands of lighter and more flyaway hair sought to give the faise impression of the arrival of Burgess-fashion?

is in circulation, as used by that biting political columnist Maureen Dowd earlier this year: possible Clinton impeachment made her fear that "a parade of combovers" would give their opinion on wall-to-wall telly. When did politicians begin this rigging of hair,

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A message to you Rudy

To many New Yorkers, the zero tolerance policy meant quality of life. But for a mainly white police force it became a racists' licence to kill. And now its author, Mayor Giuliani, is facing the backlash. By David Usborne

bave been lonely for Robert Lederman, a New York street artist who specialises in Adolf Hitler caricatures of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. Through all that time, Giuliani, a former prosecutor and a Republican, seemed invulnerable to all political torpedoes. Even Manhattan's powerful liberal establishment embraced him. He was, after all, the "quality of-life" mayor; the tough guy leader, who made "zero tolerance" fashionable and who oversaw a downturn in the city's rampant crime rates.

Why, then, the giddy smile on Lederman's face on this sunny Wednesday outside the State Supreme Court in the Bronx? Because, suddenly, this 30year-old subversive, who has scraped a living from lampooning the Mayor since be took office in 1994, is in the company of friends lots of them.

For the last five weeks, Lederman has been at the centre of beadline-grabbing demonstrations against the Mayor and his police department. His mocking paintings have become the protesters' battle-banners. His art has been on front pages and TV news builetins. And the demonstrations tell him something has changed: Giuliani, tipped to run next year for a US Senate seat, maybe against Hillary Rodham Clinton, is in trouble.

The deepening crisis, which is enflaming racial divisions in the city, began nearly two months ago on a dark evening not far from here in the Bronx, Four plain-clothes officers of the police department's vaunted Street Crimes Unit were on patrol looking for a serial rapist. They spotted a man they thought was suspiciously loitering in the entrance hall of an apartment bouse on Wheeler Avenue. Within moments, the four men found themselves emptying their pistols into the hall. Together, they un-leashed a sustained fusiliade of 41 hullets, of which 19 struck the man and killed him.

The incident in itself might not have been so remarkable. Shooting people is a hazard of any New York joh. But several details set i apart. The officers were all white and their target was hlack. Moreover, be bad no record and, as it turned out, was unarmed. The officers seemingly opened fire when he reached into a pocket. But he was reaching, they helatedly discovered, not for a gun but for his wallet. The victim's name was Amadou Diallo, a 22-year-old immigrant from Guinea, who worked as a street peddler in Manhattan. And his death uncapped a volcano of resentment towards the police.

With his zero-tolerance doctrine, the Mayor has given the NYPD licence to abandon standards of decency and human rights. Worse, some argued, it has given succour to racism in the police. What has been remarkable about the daily protests has not been their size so much as the diversity of those participating. Among the more than a thousand who have been arrested (and swiftly released) for blocking the doors of police beadquarters have been blacks, whites, gays, leshians, Hollywood stars, US congressmen and Orthodox Jewish rabbis. The Reverend Jesse Jackson, former presidential candidate, was arrested, and so was a former chief of the police department. Ed Koch, a former mayor himself. submitted to the plastic handcuffs. So did David Dinkins, Mayor Giuliani's black predecessor and presidential bope for the Republi-



Demonstrators brandishing satirist Robert Lederman's caricatures of Rudolph Giuliani as Hitler outside the State Supreme Court in the Bronx

On this day in the Bronx, emotions are at a new pitch. Inside the courthouse, second-degree murder charges are being read to the four officers. The chants out here are thunderous. "No justice, no peace" ... "Arrest Giuliani."

Yards away, beyond two metal barriers, several bundred off-duty police officers bellow a different message: what happened on Wheeler Avenue, they cry, was not murder hut a tragic accident. "We serve an ungrateful community", read a placard.

Lederman, who is white, pauses to ponder the impact of the case. "I think there has always been an undercurrent of resistance to Giuliani, but never one symbol strong enough to bring that out on to the streets." The Reverend Al Sharpton, who has often been dismissed as a polarising and inflammatory figure on the New York stage, has been a key figure in these demonstrations, and his activism in the Diallo furore has earned him unusual applause.

"Sharpton's genius has been in bringing together people from every race, economic group and religion and getting them to work together on this," says Lederman. It would be ironic indeed if Giuliani, who until recently was

that he has seized as his own: law cent. "The mayor of the city is enforcement. So successful have been Giuliani's policies of zero tolerance - murders in New York have fallen by 70 per cent since he took office - they have been espoused by police forces around the country. He has followed his philosophy resolutely, applying it not just to hard crime cases, hut to the squeegee men lungeing at car windscreens (they are no more in New Yorks, to jay-walkers, to drunk

don the issue cent six months ago to just 40 per those words were ever uttered. going down on the issue," commented Marvyn Kornberg, a lawyer for the four accused officers. "And

his enemies are not going to let up." Giuliani is not helped by an unhappy confluence of events. Last week the trial got underway in another case of alleged police brutality. Five officers are being tried for the beating and torturing in 1997 of a Haitian immigrant brought into a Brooklyn precinct statioo drivers and even to dog owners who after a street brawl. Abner Louima

In an effort to blunt the criticism. the Mayor last week ordered some changes in the Street Crimes Unit changes that officers have privately deplored. Fifty of its number are to be replaced with officers

from ethnic minorities and, from last Sunday, all its members now operate in uniform.

of mistrust that exists between New York's "finest" (an epithet rarely heard these days; and the

Harlem last September - he had been working as a PA to the director It is not difficult to test the depth Spike Lee. He had his walkie-talkie and beadphones with him, but he was stopped by a squad car and city's blacks and Hispanics. As ran-

roughly frisked for a weapon. The officers said that there had been a burglary in the area, and it was only when the victim arrived and could not identify him that the officers let him go. "It's the kind of crap we shouldn't have to put up with," The Louima trial is likely to

court. "You can be walking down a

street, and if you fit the description,

a hlack young man, you are a

marked man. I feel like a marked

George Sims, 31, adds: "If you are

Sims recalls leaving a film set in

they'll lock you up," he says.

man. It's that crazy."

extend into summer. A hearing for the four officers accused of killing Diallo has been set for 30 April. So far, tensions in the city have been contained and the demonstrations have been peaceful. What might happen if either of the trials ends in acquittal is anyone's guess, but Robert Lederman is unequivocal: "If that happens, there will be riots in the city.

If that happens. Giuliani's future looks less than secure. It even opens the possibility, previously thought remote, of a victory for Hillary Clinton at the Senate.

THE JOYS OF MODERN LIFE

40. THE ANYWAYUP CUP BY NICK COLEMAN

PARENTS GET used to violence - both the casual, spontaneous kind and the nastier, premeditated strain. You learn either to anticipate and take evasive action or simply to take the pain. The worst kind of assault, however, entails no pain. Yet it is as pernicious a form of parent-baiting as you can imagine, a manoeuvre that is executed quietly in the dead of night while you sleep, and is cloaked with kindness - the sort of benevolence you would instinctively show to any worm or beetle. What happens is this.

You are in oblivion. The night is deep. The plumbing mute. The car is being silently robbed outside. Somehow you become aware that two gimlet fingers bave been inserted into your nostrils, driving your head back into the pillow and causing your mouth to gape. A cold imperative whisper follows: "Daddy, drink!" And panic engulfs the sleeping senses as

you struggle to the surface of night's black water only to be met by a tide of Tesco's orange juice coming in the opposite direction. Ears, eyes, nose and mouth fill up, the bed turns into a bog and small child casts himself on to the floor bowling.

Ah-ha. Not anymore. For we have discovered the Anywayup Cup. This is a marvellous thing. It is a grail: a yellow plastic beaker with a lid that, no matter bow hard you try to upset it, will not let its contents go without a good hard suck on the softly contoured, gum-friendly, spouting protuberance on top.

How does it work? Simply. First, and most important, the lid is designed not to come off without gelignite. Second, there is a sliver of slitted plastic set into the throat of the spout which functions as a valve. It's primitive but It works. The valve gets silted up every three months or so with hits of orange and other non-specific oral gunk, and then you have to buy a new one. But it's worth the expense.

There appear to be two sorts of Anywayup Cup. One is small and has two symmetrical. handles, which is ideal for weeny ones. It's not so good for parents, though, because even Semtex won't get the lid off. Less humiliating for grown-ups is the larger size cup, which goes without handles and holds at least half a pint. You need only spend a few minutes each morning whacking the edge of the lid against a door handle to get into it. And because it's made of a softish, textured plastic, the spout can be jabbed in your eye all day and you'll only suffer moderate hruising.

Keep one primed by your bedside, a weapon in waiting for any nocturnal assailant. Also. when the time comes in the small hours for your prehangover beadache to kick in, there it will be. You can reach out, grab, bp, suck and sigh without shifting an inch. And if that isn't an unqualifiable joy. 1



'You can be walking along, and if you fit the description, they'll lock you up. If you're a young black man, you're a marked man'

violate city leash laws.

In the first few weeks of the crisis. Giuliani infuriated critics by steadfastly speaking up for the police force. He tried to meet with the Diallo family, only to be turned away. When he attended a memorial for the dead man, he was jeered. In recent days he has reached out to local black leaders,

whom be bad previously spurged. The early evidence suggests that the mayor is in a political tailspin. Latest polls show his citywide apeven being suggested as a future proval rating plunging from 60 per

was allegedly beaten by the four dom interviews in the Bronx this arresting officers in the squad car week bore out, almost every nonand, once inside the station, was sodomised by an officer with the of harassment at the hands of the

wooden handle of a toilet plunger. Just as in the Diallo case though to a lesser degree - Louima came to symbolise racist brutality by the police. Worse, when the story first broke, claims surfaced that one of the two officers involved in the sodomy told Louima to brace because this was "Giuliani time". It has hardly mattered that

white young man has a personal tale police. Above all, officers are accused of abusing their rights to "stop-and-frisk" suspects, espe-

cially if they are not white. For Angel Rosado, 23. from Puerto Rico, it was the night he was strolling to visit his mother who lives in a housing project. He says he was picked up for "trespassing", because he was in an area of heavy no evidence has ever surfaced that drug activity and fitted the profile

The great summer getaway starts here

The Easter holidays prompt plans for longer trips for some, but others still sense tension in the house. By Cayte Williams

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months left of their second year. There are two weeks of Easter holidays, a month of lectures and two more exciting prospect of summer.

Alistair has started organising a trip to Africa. "I finish on 9 June and I leave two days later," he explains. "After that. I'm going straight to America where I'll be studying next year." As soon as Easter is over he's he won't need, and he's storing the rest of bis stuff in London. "I can't wait to pack my backpack and go off to Africa for seven or eight weeks. At the moment the plan is to fly to Nairobi and take a tour to Victoria Falls and then it's on to Cape Town all my essays and do some revision," and Johannesburg." Unfortunately. be explains. But before he can do

THE STUDENTS have only two be joining him. "Her parents are scared of ber going to Africa, but I'll

see her soon enough in America." So how is Alistair going to pay for weeks of exams, so some of them are his trip? He's made a lot of money already planning ahead for the far from the club nights be's promoted, and he and David are going to relaunch their latest venture, Magic Mondays, on 19 April. "I'm also selling my bike and my computer, which is five years old. It's the simplest word processor with only an 80K memory. When I come back going to start selling off possessions I'll need to get a husiness loan for a better computer."

Apart from organising his summer trip, be's using the Easter break to do some college work. "I had my boliday when Tori was over. so f need to catch up and get rid of his American girlfriend. Tori, won't that he's got to entertain his dad. A

THIS STUDENT LIFE



WEEK 13 AT THE MANCHESTER STUDENT HOUSE

professor at the University of North Carolina, he's coming over to Britain on business and he's going to meet up with his son in Manchester. So is

Alistair going to take him on a the shop-owners are locals or chilled, but girls have moods. I'm guided tour? "I've no idea where I'm going to take him. I guess we'll just catch up and have a few beers. I'm going to give him some stuff to take back to Tori in the States because he owes me one. He made me take a huge Christmas present when I

went to visit him last time." Ian is using the nice weather to play his favourite sport, tennis, and he's looking forward to a course trip to Amsterdam next week. "We're going to look at urban planning, but we've also got to do a sludy on our own," he says. "Mine's on Amsterdam coffee shops. I'll get to speak to the owners, so maybe I'll get some

migrated people from different countries who are making a quick buck." He's also writing a \$,000-word essay on abortion, which is making him queasy. "I've got to compare how health policies differ in the UK and the USA. I could have done smoking, but I chose this instead. It was quite silly really, because some of the things I've read have been quite disturbing, especially the old

Meanwhile, the warm weather eems to have mellowed the mood of the house. "We're all, like, pretty easy and cool now." says Ian, although he's still feeling the strain of living in a mixed house. "In a way, Has this got anything to do with geography? "It's all about the locations and settlements of people," know if you can have a laugh with I wish I had moved into a house with he says. "I'll be trying to find out if them. Every lad in this house is anyone because it gets silly."

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trying to understand them.

Alistair, on the other hand, doesn't think there is a girl-versus-boy thing going on at all. He gets on really well with Tash and Leona. There are naturally more divisions between blokes and girls," he acknowledges. "Dave and I are best mates and we do a lot of stuff together. Tash and Leona are best mates, so it naturally happens that we go out in groups, although Tash and I go out together a lot. I don't really see any hig divide. It's just who's mates with who."

Still, he keeps a safe distance from any trouble. "I don't want to get involved in any arguments about the telephone bill, although we still can't make out going calls... I don't see the point of taking sides with

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SDAY REVIEW

Sound and vision

The ECM label and its founder Manfred Eicher have altered musical history. After 30 years, their albums still range over jazz and classical music, the eclectic and unclassifiable and have a sound world as distinctive as the record sleeves' famous austere design. By Phil Johnson







Manfred Eicher: record producer as auteur, selecting artists, casting the production, choosing venues, supervising recordings and post-production

Jean Pierre Larcher

t's now 30 years since the first album appeared on the German ECM label. The company, whose oft-quoted initials turn out to stand for nothing more mysterious than Editions of Contemporary Music, has gone on to become the most important imprint in the world for jazz and new music; a late-20th century equivalent to earlier pioneers like Verve and Blue Note.

Just as those legendary labels avoured both a particular repertoire and a coherent approach to packaging and cover art, ECM has cultivated its own bouse style, with a cool, minimalist approach to graphics, and black and white photography.

This visual aesthetic complements ECM's preference for a crystalline clarity of sound where the music is cushioned by the acoustic like a fragile object wrapped lovingly in cotton wool. The question of the ECM "sound", or even "aesthetic", has provoked many critical debates. although the label's founder likes to deny that any such thing exists.

Whatever the truth of the matter, ECM has created its own distinctive genre of spare, ambiently-inclined, chamber jazz and contemporary classical recordings.

The success of the company has in turn influenced the development of jazz itself, belping to shift the centre of improvised music ever closer to Europe, and offering a quieter and more contemplative alternative to the blues-based structures of the Afro-American tradition

As a consequence, the centre of jazz has not just shifted; increasingly, it has failed to bold. Many artists now prefer the term "new music". Contemporary classical recordings on its New Series imprint - from Music For 18 Musicians by Steve Reich in 1978, to recent works by Arvo Part, John Adams and others - have blurred the boundaries further still.

ECM was formed in Munich in 1969 by Manfred Eicher, then a young as-sistant producer working with string quartets and the Berlin Philharmonic, and also a double bass player with a passion for both jazz and chamber music. Eicher is still at the head of the company today, and his leadership is

TEN GREAT ECM ALBUMS

Arvo Part

Officium

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Angel Song

label's veteran.

(ECM New Series 1370, 1988),

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the Estonian composer's most

Jan Garbarek ond the Hilliard

(ECM New Series 1525, 1994).

improvisations in an Austrian

monastery. It has now sold over a

Kenny Wheeler (ECM 1607, 1997).

Ambient-inclined songs without

words from one of the ECM

and Renaissance motets

combined with saxophone

Medieval chant, early polypbony

sympathetic production.

A spare and intense setting of the

Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Conference of the Birds Dave Holland (ECM 1027, 1973) The catchy title track of this improvised jazz album anticipated the label's later concentration on atmosphere.

The Köln Concert Keith Jarrett (ECM 1064/5, 1975). Supremely lyrical inventions on a dodgy-sounding plano. The Bosendorfer delivered to the . concert hall was the wrong instrument, but Jarrett let the recording go ahead. Four million copies later, it's still selling.

My Song Keith Jarrett (ECM 1115, 1978). "European" quartet with Norwegian sax Jan Garbarek in country-tinged repertoire.

the reason why ECM has retained its

independence and its sense of iden-

tity so strongly. He acts as the pro-

ducer for each of the label's releases,

but in Eicher's case the producer's

role isn't restricted to twiddling a few

knobs. Instead, be's an auteur: se-

lecting artists, casting the production,

choosing the recording venue and su-

recording, Eicher's work during post-

production ensures that the ECM

identity is inscribed in the finished

product as unmistakably as the let-

tering in a stick of Blackpool rock.

tion of an ECM "sound", if only, he tells

me, because the concept has be-

come such a cliche. I am interview-

ing him at the monastery of St Gerold

in the Austrian Tyrol, which was the

venue for the recording of the label's

last big hit, Jan Garbarek and the

Hilliard Ensemble's Officium. Eich-

er is famously reluctant to divulge too

much about his methods, but over

breakfast in the monastery's cafe he

Eicher is dismissive about the no-

Even if absent for the original

pervising the sessions.

Music for 18 Musiclans Steve Reich (ECM New Series 1129, 1978). This is perhaps the best of all Reich's recordings.

Old and New Dreams Don Cherry/Dewey Redman/Charlie Haden/Ed Blackwell (ECM 1154, 1979). A superb tribute to saxopbonist Ornette Coleman.

Folk Songs Charlie Haden/Jan 'Garbarek/Eoberto Gismonti ŒCM 1170, 1979). A breakthrough for the new,

Ballad of the Fallen Charlie Haden (ECM 1248, 1983). Carla Blev arrangements of songs for Nigaragua; one of the greatest jazz albums ever.

seems more than happy to answer questions. Now 56, his appearance is that a rather well-beeled ex-hippie with longish bair and a drooping moustache.

"The ECM sound is more about the choice of music in the catalogue," Eicher says. "It has a lot to do with the example of chamber music, and with a kind of poetic approach to music. My preference is towards that which bas to do with lucidity, transparency, and the movements of sound. I like to make every movement, voice and texture available, but also the pauses and the silence. It's not only the notes, but the thought behind them, that sculpts sound. It's the white space, the empty space between the tones, that is the

inspirational source." Eicher's role in the recording process, is always, he insists, a sympathetic one. "I am with the musician in his solitude, and I never say this is right moment?' The musician makes the final decision, and the music always starts before the microphones

are set up. We then capture the sound we receive through the microphones and wires, but we have to get something out that the musician recognises as himself, and this is a big joh, for it always has to go through these wires. We have to start afresh with the sound every day, and there are never any fixed microphone positions. I leave everything open."

A typical ECM jazz session will take three to four days of recording and mixing, using a two-track system hecause. Eicher says, "it reflects the moment. The editing is done by Eicher and the engineer, and although the musicians are invited to attend the final edit. Eicher admits that the result is "not necessarily democratic."

When Eicher first started the label he claims to have had no real models in mind, although he admired the sound of Miles Davis's Kind of Blue album on CBS. Jazz attracted him, he right or wrong. I say 'Are we in the says, partly because in the Sixties it was a music of protest that reflected society. "In the Seventies it became a surrogate of pop music to be played in vember 16.

restaurants with a lot of noodling around. What remained of jazz's avantgarde was coming from Europe."

In retrospect, the debut recording - Free At Last by the Mal Waldron Trio - might not seem like a typical product of what has since come to be regarded, rightly or wrongly, as the company's bouse style. At the time, bowever, together with other early titles by American artists operating outside the jazz mainstream, free jazz by black musicians represented a very strong part of the label's identity, alongside European improvisers like Derek Bailey, Jan Garbarek, and Dave Holland

In the succeeding years, the proportion of Americans on ECM has probably decreased, and the commitment to free jazz lessened somewhat, but otherwise not a great deal has changed. Garbarek, Holland and Keith Jarrett, are still there, and Derek Bailey was featured on a recent album. Few of each month's schedule of releases can be expected to shift many units, but for ECM this isn't necessarily the point. The occasional big hit, like Keith Jarrett's The Köln Concert from 1975, the best-selling solo piano album ever with over four million copies sold, and 1994's Officium, approaching a million copies, and still selling, help subsidise the less successful recordings.

The long-awaited follow-up recording to Officium by Jan Garbarek and the Hilliard Ensemble will be released on 12 April Manfred Eicher could be forgiven for anticipating a humper pay-day, but he's more interested in quoting Goethe than discussing sales-figures. "My aim is to transmit what we hear in a studio, or a church, into a manifestation for the listener, who trusts this result of musicians, sound engineer and producer." he says.

Mnemosime by Jan Garbarek and the Hilliard Ensemble is on ECM New Series 1700/01, order no: 4651222. The European premiere concert of the recording will be held at King's College. Cambridge on 14 April (tel: 01223 357851), and further UK dates are scheduled for November, including the Royal Albert Hall on No-

A pack of porky pies

I DIDN'T inherit much from my grandmother: a small plaster statue of the Holy Family, a stuffed koala bear and ber recipe for Baked Alaska. Yet somehow, by the age of five, I bad already absorbed the one truly valuable thing that she to me-but is savagely scorned possessed - her unwavering bebef in the guiding motto: never spoil a good story by sticking to the truth.

Tell a lie? Never. Why be economical with the truth, when you can be lavish? Shun mendacity, my child, but never miss an opportunity to enhance, embeilish and embroider.

Not everyone, however, shares these same high prin-ciples. Shocking to tell, there are those who'll drop a falsehood quicker than you can say, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman". And these rapscallion pseudologists actually line up every year to fib it out in Britain's Grand National Lying Contest.

"Tonight's event has been cancelled," yells the doorkeeper, shooing the queue towards the box office. "Buy your tickets bere, for tonight's cancelled event!" Rather than a gathering of lawyers and boy-band managers, the eighth annual Lying Contest is the province of the aromatherapeutically-massaged community of traditional storytellers. In a darkened room upstairs at the Spitz, in rapidly-gentrifying Spitalfields Market, the contest is hosted by the Crick Crack Club, as part of their dedicated mission to revive the public art of telling fairy

tales for grown-ups. More often engaged in serious delvings into the legends of Gilgamesh, Beowulf and the Kalevala, tonight the Crick Crackers loosen their appliqued Nepalese collars and compete for a pink-silk purse containing £100 in shiny £2 coins and a battered silver "Cup of Hogwash and Baloney".

Three judges take to their positions, beavily disguised as Imelda Marcos, illusionist David Copperfield, and the pig-tailed Swedish sea-captain's daughter Pippl Longevaluate the contestants on lie", and "audience response".

Her name drawn from a sboe, the first contestant is June Peters, a teacherly middie-aged white woman dressed in a loud green Ghanaian suit. A touch over-eager, she scurries back and forth, whipping ber hat on and off, to assume dual voices in a gabbling Mesopotamian master-slave dialogue. It is all rather stagey, and doesn't exactly have anything to do with telling porkies. Michael Dacre, with cream

loon pants, a lilac and aubergine suede patchwork waistcoat and a medieval haircut, rambles on about "the second coming", about the premature ejaculation of the false millennium.

Rhona Topaz, a slightly nervous, curvy woman in black Tshirt and leggings, tells of ber long-running attempt to seduce Stephen Fry (which Club. Mnrley Bnnk, Whitseems more on the right track bourne, Worcs WR6 5RU.

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by the judges).

Susannah Steele suddenly raises the standard, channelling her Antrim grandmother, who was "twice the size of any woman half as big". Sbe unleashes an amiable stream of blarney about horns on foreheads, and the uses of natural remedies such as mouse-oil, turkey treacle and

giblets from a wild dishcloth, "There isn't very much real lying going on," mutters Simon, the chap in the black suit sitting next to me, at the interval. "I feel like a little bit of mischief - what do you reckon, shall 1 bave a go?"

"Go on," encourages Tim, another first-time audience member. "I was boping for some really inane bullshit." With that, random audience members begin to declare their candidacy.

Xanthe Gresham, in severe trendy glasses, recalls some highly plausible playground trauma about snapped knicker elastic. Arms and legs extended in geometric chaos, Xanthe reads passages of Ken Campbell and Tibetan Buddhist theory to back up her claims that invisibility is possible "by adopting a bizarrely unalarming posture which by-passes the muscles of the buman eye".

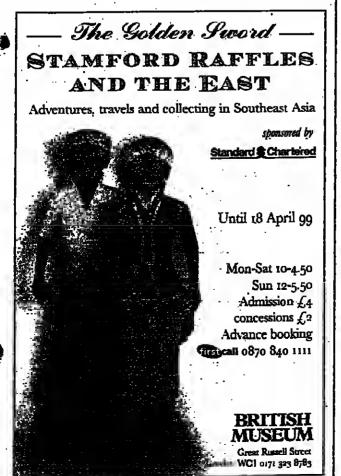
Liverpudlian professional storyteller. Cat Wetherill, a willowy temptress in cobwebby mohair, caresses berself with black-painted fingertips, breathlessly evoking an erotic bath-time apparition by a veiled goddess. Simon Miles rises from my side, wild eyes staring, to speak spontaneously of the pain of telling loved ones the secrets of your soul, only to be cruelly disbelieved. "Do you have a teddy?" be implores a nine-year-old girl, who tells him about ber bear, Barley. "Well apart from Barley, wbo's special," he rasps, "all those stocking. Holding aloft teddies and other inanimate ob-numbered placards, this trio jects you bave loved, have never loved you hack.'

> Out pours a hilariously heart-rending account of his father's absences, and his mother's passion for an oak tree. "In all the ways that really matter." be cries, "that tree was my father." After years of sexual inadequacy, Simon finally found love with a girl called Theresa, who could turn him on with knock-knock jokes in bed: "Who's there? Theresa Who? Trees are glorious, wild and sexy, their long branches waving and reaching into the sky..." he moans, amidst tumultuous applause.

All done, Susannah Steele is judged to have won, with Simon Miles a close second, winning a monstrous, yet apt booby prize of a pair of brass froglets swinging from a tree.

JUDITH PALMER

To enter next year's lying contest. write to the Crick Crack



What Plato did next

IT PAYS to advertise. The front of the programme says it all: "Escape Fantasies Fulfilled". "Dirty Talk A Speciality." This is more than just a cheap come-on, it is, to borrow the phrase, the real thing.

The dialogue in Mike Packer's new play is peppered with sexual expletives - trying to quote almost any of it is firmly beyond the vocabulary of a family newspaper - but what else would you expect from a tale about card boys, the lads who put up pictures in phone boxes advertising the services of prostitutes? It's a world of money and profit, easy sex and violence.

The card racket is run by Plato (a bnoyant Albie Woodington) a man given to sudden bursts of dangerous anger. More importantly, he is also a ridiculously self-conscious poseur, a cliché-spouting dreamer and schemer with a penchant for bogus personal

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enlightenment, tree-bugging and Cat Stevens. He is like a less benign version of the mother's dippy, hippie boyfriend in Jonathan Harvey's Beautiful Thing - and suffers from the same problem of the playwright having written a quasi-comic character who is stylistically removed from everyone else. Plato is about to move to the

country to live off a secret marijuana farm set up by his pregnant girlfriend, Kath, who will return to London and the game to earn their keep until the dope business is up and running. But when Kath abruptly changes her mind, be

a Geordie old man Steptoe out in horrified disbelief at living (just) on a strict diet of lags and Special Brew. The eogaging and some-

times very funny central sce-

nario of the two men's odd-couple relationship is the meat of the play, but it is surrounded by an unconvincing. slackly bandled plot which fails to up the dramatic stakes. The play is also bookended by inert scenes using sketchy. under-developed characters who are really only there to set up the milieu. Even the valiant Suzan Sylvester cannot invest Kath's contradictions with enough depth, as her vacillating behaviour is dictated by the plot, rather than dramatically satisfying emotional needs.

Thanks to Willie Ross's wonderful vital wreck of a performance, Teddy turns out to be the pivot of this inconsistent, uneven play. Whether winds up beading out there gently adding to his tottering Bush Theatre, London W12 with filthy foul-mouthed Teddy. pyramid of beer cans, lashing (0181-743 3388) to 24 Apr

Plato's ridiculous delusions, or merely shambling unwashed about the set, his conviction is so complete you cannot take your eyes off him. His raddled, ruddy face switches hilariously between almost explosive. silent innocence and disgusted experience. Even spitting out foul-mouthed ripostes he

suggests oceans of sadness.

Breath with fuckin teeth, that's what words are," he cries. It's a nice line, indicative of the well-caught rhythm of the writing. But even Simon Usher's careful direction on Anthony Lamble's neatly designed set cannot paper over the cracks as Packer's writing lurches between comedy and sbort-winded pathos before coming down heavily on the side of sentimentality.

DAVID BENEDICT



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Manoeuvres in the dark

Douglas Gordon's Feature Film is a tribute to the power of the soundtrack, but also underlines its weaknesses. By Tom Lubbock

ilm music goes like this. You see a film, enjoy it, and oote the really high quality of its music. You buy a recording of the soundtrack. At first the music is so saturated with the film that it still seems very good. In fact, the music plus the memory of the film seems almost better than the film itself, a pure distillation of its emotional essence. But after a few listenings (five, 50) you start to hear the music as music. You realise, sadly, it won't do. It oeeded the film. Even though as film music it was very good. Or so, roughly, it has seemed to me since, 30 years ago, I bought my first LP. Ron Goodwin's music for Where Eagles Dare.

Douglas Gordoo's installatioo Feature Film is a tribute to the power of film music. specifically to the power of Bernard Herrmann's score for Alfred Hitchcock's Vertigo. It's in some ways a powerful piece itself, but I'm not sure quite where the credit should go. Hitchcock's genius clearly needs no telling. And Herrmann's achievement among film composers - Citizen Kane, Psycho, Taxi Driver - is now widely honoured too. Tough collaborators.

You might say that in this year of Hitchcock's centenary, Feature Film is another, but oblique, artistic homage to the master who's received so many. It's certainly a deliberately second-hand, or at-one-remove creation. Visitors to the Atlantis Gallery in Brick Lane, East London, should be aware that, to enjoy it, they need to know Vertigo pretty well. Equally, it's probably important that they doo't already know Herrmann's music for it too thoroughly. I'll describe the piece in

Douglas Gordon is a Scottish artist in his early thirties and he won the Turner Prize in 1996 - mystifyingly, because he rather obviously wasn't the best artist oo that year's shortlist. His work comes in all sorts of forms - photos, text, sound, film and generally seems to depend on some interesting, quasi-paradoxical thought which isn't quite so interesting when you come to think of it. Whenever I've seen a piece by Gordon, I've always heard the voice of Neil the hippy in The Young Ones going "Oh wow!"

In the present context, the work to men-tion is an earlier Hitchcock-based thing, Gordon's 24 Hour Psycho, in which the famous thriller is projected so slowly that it lasts a full day. I did bear of one person who had watched it all through, but even from a description you can well imagine the thoughts it might occasion about time, action, hope, delay, narrative suspense etc cinematic experience is dislocated in another way. The relationship between a film and its music is in effect reversed.

The show goes like this. You enter an enormous darkened chamber - the Atlantis Gallery - the lighting about as low as a cinema's is during a screening. The chamber is filled with orchestral music which broods, swoons, surges, pulses and sbudders. A large screen hangs in the middle, showing a film of a man conducting, with tense and flowing hand movements, tossing head and burning eyes body parts and gestures busily edited in isolated close-ups and smeary slow-motion. The orchestra is never seen. From time to time the music climaxes or calms and comes to stop, and the screen goes hlank. After a bit it starts again. Meanwhile, over on a wall in a far corner, there's a small projection of Vertigo itself - but totally

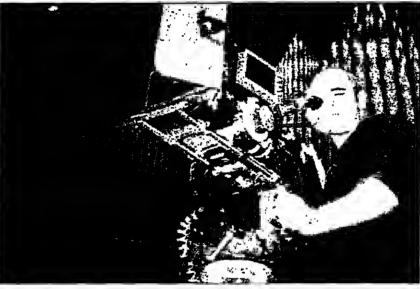
silent, just the images. And here are some useful facts. This is a complete, oote for note, re-recording of



Herrmann's score, from an orchestral performance conducted by James Conlon, who was filmed in the act. What's more, the music was performed in synch with its occurrence on the original soundtrack, and played back here in synch with the silent

So visiting this show you have a choice - a choice of synchronisations. Either you look at the main feature with the conductor, and hear the music as an odd and interrupted sort of orchestral performance. Or you look at the small, silent projection and hear it as a film soundtrack (albeit as a pure music track, with no dialogue or sound effects).

Or there is a third choice, which is not to look at either projection, simply to move around in this big space and lose yourself in the music, the darkness and the memory of the film. The music is certainly the most immediately involving thing. And the best time I had at Feature Film was doing just that - treating the sound from the mighty, loudspeakers and the great big darkened space as a kind of public head-set, an enormous Walkman, and reliving, via the music, the hysterical romance of Hitchcock's over-egged psychological thriller. As a facility for a kind of wakeful dreaming, Feature Film



provides a good and rare public service. Vertigo lends itself beautifully, and yet oddly, to this proxy experience. The film is itself so dependent oo Herrmann's heady mélange of Tchaikovsky and Wagner. Indeed, it needs the music to stop it from being a clinical horror - a film in which,

essentially, a madman (played by James Stewart) obsessively pursues a zombie (played by Kim Novak) to death. Herrmann's music glosses this rather deranged, necrophiliac story as a grand, tragic passion. It redeems, or at least relieves, its potential cruelty and repulsiveoess. And

so, getting the music neat, you don't just get an intense distillation of the film; you get a more attractive version of it.

So that was a good time, and it lasted about half an hour, and then various factors brought it to an end. One was starting to look at the film of James Conlon conducting - which is the only thing bere that's all Gordon's own work - and thinking: all films of conductors are dreadful, and this ooe, though it tries to dramatise the conducting body in interesting ways. doesn't escape the geoeral truth on which so many classical music televisings have foundered.

Another factor was realising the elaborate conceptual scheme of the piece - the double synchronisation, the splitting of music as soundtrack from music as music, the reversal of priority - and feeling that it was pointlessly elaborate, because it didn't really add to the thoughts one might have about the relations of films and their music anyway.

There was the realisation, besides, that the work was obviously very turned oo by general ideas about setting experiences at a remove and dismantling fictions, about signs and traces, and presences and absences and simulations - in short, by an intellectual agenda which has been

banging around in the visual arts for about 15 years, and amazingly still gets people going, but not me though.

And there was the suspicion that the whole thing was sustained by a formula cleverly using the words "dependency" and "control" - the mutual dependency/ of film and film music, a film about emotional dependency and control, the conductor both leading and possessed by the music, a oew artwork that's largely dependent on an old film, while controlling our perception of that old film. All sort of true enough in the saying, but not really made felt, save in one way.

Namely, the mevitable sad dependency of all film music that's specifically written as film music, and that includes the best film music that's ever been written, and the inevitable moment when that dependency fails, when, as music, it becomes intolerable. It happened for me about 50 minutes in, with the thought that I just could not listen to Herrmann's driving, Ravel-ly, mad waltz motif one more time. and I was gone.

Douglas Gordon: 'Feature Film'. Atlantis Gallery, 146 Brick Lane, London E1; until 3 May. Sun-Wed noon-9pm; Thur-Sat noon-to midnight. Free admission

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Out of Africa, into south London

Gatwick Airport has seen some strange sights, but this was a novel addition to its list: the pieces of a huge, brightly coloured construction of cloth and wood, together with a startling selection of ghoulish human and animal figures made from material stuffed with foam-rubber. This was the Igbo Ijele, an example of the largest mask in Africa, bound for the newly opeoed "African Worlds" exhibition at the Horniman Museum, where it is now the centrepiece of London's first permanent

THE FREIGHT terminal at

African gallery: The Horniman in Forest Hill, south London is a muchloved local museum, but this oew permanent exhibition will widen its appeal. It was built in 1901 by the collector and tea merchant Frederick Horniman, who gave it to the people of London for their "instruction, enjoyment and recreation". The striking turreted building was designed by the Arts and Crafts architect

Charles Harrisoo Townsend

and the "African Worlds" show

has been assembled in his fine

barrel-ceilinged South Hall,

where the designers Jasper

Jacob Associates have created

a dramatic, visually exciting

effect. "I'm not interested in

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done before," explained Anthony Shelton, the museum's curator, "and so I asked the designers to dream." The centre of the hall is

dominated by three huge fibreglass panels, ooe displaying the 14ft Igbo liele and the others very large Bedu Tvory Coast) and Dogon (Mali) masks. "We wanted to allude to Africa and so we used a sunbaked, terracotta colour paint on the outside of the display cases," says Shelton. "But this is a modernist exhibition, not an African installation work. We've used glass, aluminium, steel, fibreglass and Nextel, which was developed for the American space programme. It absorbs light, which makes it a very effective background for showing off some of the

material The Horniman has more than 17,000 African objects in its collection, and so it has been a hard task to select the 200 or so that are included in the exhibition. "We chose pieces not only for their aesthetic qualities, but for what they told us about the continent's history.

Christian paintings displayed are oot of the highest quality, but they do make the point that Christianity is a strong force there as well as Islam.

It is an African collection unlike any other in Britain. "Most of the ethnography museums have gathered material from the countries which were Britain's former colonies. By contrast, we had a German curator from 1947-65 who had a completely different purchasing policy, and for the last few years we have deliberately concentrated on Frenchspeaking Africa in order to create a more balanced

picture. A distinctive feature of the exhibition is that it shows how the cultures of the Caribbean and Brazil have been indelibly influenced by their African population. One of the most dramatic exhibits is the Midnight Robber head-dress from the Trinidad Carnival, a towering contraption featuring an awesome skeleton seated on a

golden throne. Displays of this kind in Europe are often criticised for only seeing through Western eves. To redress the balance. the Horniman Museum collaborated with many African art historians, including Joseph Eboreime, the director

Benin, who undertook two vears' research to interpret the Benin bronzes in their collection. "We asked Benin to tell us their story rather than telling

the 19th-century British story. Another key figure in the project is Emmanuel Arinze, the former director of the Nigerian National Commission for Museums and Monuments. "Emmanuel said at a very early stage that we needed a huge mask," ex-plained Janet Vitmayer, the Horniman's director. "He commissioned the liele for us and visited us often, hringing

videos to show its progress." What makes this exhibition so exciting is the emphasis on the visual effect. Labelling is kept to a minimum, but plenty of information is available and videos under the bigger masks show bow they are worn and used in ceremonies.

But the Horniman Museum is not just interested in historical Africa. Above the main exhibition space, there is a halcony which will be used for a changing show of the work of contemporary African artists, opening with the paintings of

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HEALTH

When Mary Higgins discovered a lump on her two-year-old son's neck, she feared cancer. She certainly didn't imagine it was TB

The killer inside my baby boy

eldest son Sam was two years old at the time. A happy, seemingly healthy boy, he through the night. Nothing strange about that: many children of that age have difficulty sleeping. In Sam's case, however, it was a little different.

I first noticed the lump on the side of his neck when I was dressing him for nursery one day. It looked as if he had swallowed a lollipop whole that had then got stuck in the side of his throat. He had a sniffle but was keen to get to nursery, so off we went.

I made an appointment with the GP who asked about any other symptoms, but there weren't any really. He thought that it was probably either a lymph gland that was enlarged due to Sam's cold, or else it could be a cyst. It didn't hurt when touched. and didn't bother him, so the doctor advised we should wait and see.

But a few nights later he awoke in obvious distress. He was crying and chutching his neck, and couldn't hold his head straight. He was running a temperature and his pyjamas were soaked with sweat. We were told to take him to hospital.

Sam didn't like the hospital, nor the many blood tests. And he certainly didn't like the cannula that was put in his ankle to allow the antibiotics that were prescribed to be injected. He pulled the first one out, even though it was covered with a bandage.

When he walked, he held his head to one side, protecting his swollen neck. Over the week he was in hospital, the swelling subsided a little, and he gradually recovered much of his usual vigour, though he still tired easily. When we left the hospital we had an outpatient's appointment as a formality. There was still a hump on his neck but he seemed much better, and the whole incident was put down as an "infection". I hoped that was the end of it.

At the outpatient's appointment, he was examined again. The lump seemed slightly smaller. The doctor wasn't sure what was causing it, but wanted Sam to have a Heaf test to rule out TB. We went special "tattoo". We returned five days later accurate. We were referred back to the children's outpatients' department.

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Mary Higgins with her son, Sam, four, who at the age of two contracted lymph node TB but recovered after chemotherapy

had probably been in contact with someone who had "open" (infectious) TB, and it was possible that Sam had contracted TB as a result. Sam had an X-ray, but it was clear. As they couldn't be certain any other way, he said that he would like the

surgeon to look at Sam for his opinion. The surgeon said that he was pretty sure it was TB, although it could be cancerous. to the chest clinic and Sam received his The only way to be completely sure was to take a sample of the tissue. He said he for the result. The ourse confirmed that he would schedule Sam as an urgent case for had a grade three reaction. She explained the following week. We would know the rehad TB, as the test isn't 100 per cent would just do a biopsy hut he said that it might as well be removed completely.

My father had had Hodgkinson's disease. The paediatric consultant explained a cancer of the lymph glands, and I could that the Heaf test result meant that Sam not bear the thought of Sam having this too.

On the day of the operation, we were seen by the anaesthetist, but the consultant who had told me he would do the operation was busy with another list so his senior house officer was to do it This unnerved me tremendously, especially as this person had never seen Sam before. As he prodded at Sam's neck, which was as swollen as it had ever been, I could see that he was perturbed.

He explained he would be doing a hiopsy. This was not what the consultant had said, and I told him that. Sam was in surgery and I needed some reassurance. I asked him where the consultant was and said that I wanted his opinion before the operation could proceed. He disappeared off while I hugged Sam close.

When he returned he said he had discussed it and because the lump was so hig it would be impossible to remove wholly as a day-case operation, so a blopsy would be the best. I agreed and was asked to help hold the mask over Sam's face as he was anaesthetised. He was placed carefully on a trolley and wheeled into the theatre. The wait while he was gone was terrible, hut although he was groggy when he woke up,

he was grumpy but fine. The two weeks we had to wait for the results went very slowly. In a way I hoped much worse. It was about this time that I discovered that I was pregnant again.

The consultant didn't waste any time telling us the news. Sam had lymph node TB, and would require a lengthy course of how Sam had contracted it.

chemotherapy. At least it was not cancer, but it was a potential killer. He told us that this was not a fatal form of TB, though treatment was slow. The scar from the biopsy would take a long time to heal and the lump would only recede slowly. But he would make a full recovery.

Sam had to undergo a course of antibiotics for at least six months hut he was not Infectious as he had "closed" TB. My husband Paul and I were a bit shell-shocked. We were now, effectively, on our own, the next appointment two months away. There number to call. No one else we knew had had TB, and although we were to have TB, there was to be no investigation as to

I trawled the Internet for sites about TB. I learned that it is the single biggest killer of humans ever, and that three million people still die each year from it even though it has been totally curable for over 50 years. I also learned how multi-drug resistant strains were now emerging that did not respond to conventional treatment. This is making the spectre of TB as an untreatable, fatal disease, once more a reality.

In the weeks before Christmas I noticed another lump on Sam's neck, underneath his hiopsy scar. The consultant reassured us that the treatment was working. There was another lymph node enlarged, but that happened sometimes.

When we saw the surgeon, he told us he would like to try to aspirate (suck out) material from the second lump. I was a bit surprised, even more so when he got up and left the room without further explanation. Paul and I joked that he was going to do it now, at outpatients, with no anaesthetic. When he returned with a nurse and a large needle our smiles froze. We didn't have time to argue as he told me to hold Sam as still as I could. Sam, not surprisingly, protested and when the needle went in he tried to jump off my knee. It was one of the most unpleasant experiences of my life. As Sam screamed and struggled the consultant pulled the plunger out of the syringe, but nothing appeared. When he was satisfied, he withdrew the needle.

Sam, whimpering and shaking, refused to look at him when he tried to cheer him up. I was none to happy myself. The consultant said the lump would probably weep and discharge, but this was to be expected. A loose dressing was all that was required. He apologised to Sam hut said It was necessary and he wouldn't be doing anything like that again.

At first the pin-prick seemed quite dry but a few days later the skin got redder and redder. A small hole appeared in the skin, which became very thin, and a creamycoloured substance oozed from it. After a few weeks, it dried up of its own accord.

I had arranged to go for a chest X-ray to make sure I didn't have TB after I was 18 weeks pregnant. As it turned out the Xray showed no abnormalities, and I subsequently gave hirth (10 days overdue) to a healthy baby girl.

The last visit to the chest clinic was a throughout his treatment and was now looking like a happy, healthy three-year-old. chest X-rays to ensure we didn't have active As the consultant spoke to us Sam eyed the KitKat oo his desk, and he gave it to Sam as a parting gift.

BOTH OF my children

The suddenly fashionable wort

Hypericum, or St John's wort, is being hailed as an effective treatment for depression. No wonder long-time practitioners of folk medicine are feeling smug. By Liz Bestic

ACCORDING TO the self-help charity Depression Alliance, around four million people in Britain suffer from depression at any one time. Add to that the fact that the cost of depression to the United Kingdom is £8 billion a year - of which £500 million goes on medication - and it comes as no surprise that so much attention is focused on any new treatment which arrives on the market.

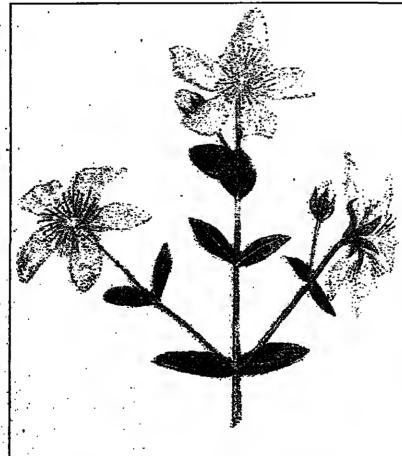
The current vogue is for hypericum, or St John's wort, a rather unassuming little plant which is confounding the medical profession with its efficacy both as an anti-depressant and for its lack of side effects. Hypericum has been used for centuries in folk medicine for everything from diarrhoea to sleep disorders, but it is now being hailed as the "alternative Prozac", an effective treatment for depression, insomnia, seasonal affective disorder and premenstrual syndrome. But does it really work?

The best clinical trials have taken place in Germany and all of them show very good results. Indeed, in Germany St John's wort is licensed as a prescription drug and out-sells Prozac by seven to one.

In his book St John's Wort, Dr Norman Rosenthal from the National Institute of Mental Health in the US says there is no reason why the same results should not be achieved in Britain. "To date there have been over two dozen studies of the efficacy of St John's wort as an anti-depressant and the simple conclusion is that the herb works,"

It seems there are even added benefits to taking the herb. "Many of my patients report that their sex lives improve, they get better sleep at night, and for women it can take the edge off their PMT," says Dr Rosenthal.

This comes as no surprise to medical herbalists like Dr Ann Walker, who has a bit shattered because of the rapid known about hypericum for years. "Now that the clinical trials are proving the efficacy of hypericum - something we have known all along - suddenly the widely used for fevers, coughs and



St John's wort: making its presence felt in the medical profession

ing notice," she says.

"Hypericum has a wide therapeutie profile but most herbalists use it for more than depression. In fact, in my practice the most common use for hypericum is in the treatment of symptoms of the menopause," she says. "Hypericum supports the nervous system which, during the menopause, is often

changes in the hormones." "It has extremely strong antiviral properties, which is why it has been

medical profession is sitting up and tak- colds," she says. "It was also used to treat urinary tract infections and can generally raise vitality levels."

Some experts are adopting a 'waitand-see" approach. Professor Stuart Montgomery, emeritus professor of psychiatry at Imperial College London says: "St John's wort is a very useful addition to our current armoury hut there is not enough data for us to helieve it is equivalent to the mainstream selective

serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (SSRIs)." The most recent evidence shows that St John's wort actually works in a

influencing one or other of the three important neurotransmitters in the hrain. serotonin, norepinephrine and

dopamine. A recent report published in the British Medical Journal analysed 23 clinical trials of the plant and found it to be "significantly superior" to a placebo and just as effective as standard anti-

deoressants. Dr David Wheatley is a consultant psychiatrist with a private London practice. "I started to use it [hypericum] in my own practice and found that it works very well in mild or moderate cases of depression," he says.

Dr Wheatley helieves there is a case for both SSRIs and hypericum. "It is really a question of matching the treatment to the individual."

Melinda Holt is in no dor't ebout the efficacy of St John's wort. She has suffered from more than 18 years of depression. Her mother had depression for the last 10 years of her life and ended up committing suicide.

Melinda is very aware of what depression is and what it can do. "In the past when I have had depressive episodes I have always refused antidepressants. I didn't want to get caught in the same trap as my mother."

Last year, after losing both her parents within a fortnight, Melinda found she couldn't drag herself out of the depths of despair. She was put on Prozac but says she was "like a zomhie" for weeks. "I couldn't co-ordinate my right arm and my left leg, and vice versa. and I felt very unsafe, particularly as I had to drive a car."

After the short hurst on Prozac, a friend recommended St John's wort and she gave it a try. "Initially, from feeling so bad I couldn't get out of hed in the morning, my mood started to lift. Suddenly I felt able to communicate with people and within a few weeks I had started visiting friends again.

"I don't believe St John's wort is a similar way to the mainstream SSRIs, magic cure but it has helped me cope."

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Morning sickness occurs day or night

HOW LONG does morning sickness in pregnancy last, and are there any effective treatments? "Morning sickness". which can occur at any time of the

day or night, sometimes starts within days of conception. The worst time is usually the first three months of pregnancy, hut some very unlucky women feel sick and nauseous for many months. For the vast majority of women. the feeling of sickness disappears by the time they

are 16 weeks pregnant.

There are dozens of dietary, herbal and medicinal "treatments" for morning sickness, hut most of them have not been proven to work. Several controlled trials of acupressure acupuncture without the needles), at the P6 point on the inner side of the wrist, have shown this to be helpful in reducing nausea and vomiting. Wrist bands (available from chemists) that are used to treat motion sickness put pressure on this point and

they are certainly worth trying. Powdered ginger root (250mg, four times a day) has also been shown to work, uut its safety in pregnancy has not heen conclusively proved. I HAVE been prescribed a

new drug - methotrexate - for my rheumatoid arthritis. Before I started taking it I looked it up in a drug dictionary and found it's a chemotherapy drug used for cancer treatment. I am now terrified to take it. Is it

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A QUESTION



DR FRED KAVALIER

the correct treatment for rheumatoid arthritis? Methotrexate is used to treat both cancer and rheumatoid arthritis, and it is highly effective for both diseases. In chemotherapy it is prescribed for childhood leukemia and a number of other tumours. Rheumatologists use methotrexate to treat rheumatoid arthritis as it has been shown to he an effective way of suppressing the disease. It is usually not used unless other forms of treatment, such as anti-inflammatory drugs, do not control the symptoms of the disease. Methotrexate won't have an immediate effect on rheumatoid arthritis, but it may well improve symptoms over the course of several months. It can have side effects on the blood and the liver, and so it is important to have regular monitoring by hlood tests. Women who are pregnant, or likely to become pregnant, must oot

take methotrexate.

have a bright red rash on their faces which was eventually diagnosed as Fifth Disease. I can't find any information about this, apart from the fact that it is caused by an unknown virus. What is Fifth Disease? In the 1800s doctors identified six rasbes that occurred in children. One of them - erythema infectiosum - hecame known as Fifth Disease because it was fifth in the list of these six rasbes. The others were measles. scarlet fever. German measles, roseola infantum, and an obscure conditino known as Filatow-Dukes' disease. We now know that Fifth Disease is caused by a virus known as Parvovirus B19. It is a mild illness that causes children's cheeks to go hright red. It is sometimes known as "slapped cheek disease". By the time the rash appears, children are usually not infectious any more, so keeping them isolated is futile. Pregnant women, however, can be affected by this viral infection in the first half of pregnancy, and they should consult their doctors to see if they are immune.

Please send your questions to A Question of Health. "The Independent", 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL; fax 0171-293 2182; or e-mail health@independent.co.uk. Dr Kavalier rearets that he is unable to respond personally to questions

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Publish and be damned clever

When journalists turn to fiction, as they inevitably do, they should steer clear of the newsroom. By DJ Taylor

he late Jeffrey Bernard, who wrote The Speciator's "Low Life" column for 20 years, used to say that the achievement of which he was proudest was not having written a novel. The implication – that there is a line to be drawn between "hack" and "serious writer", and that the distinction is one that the average back can be proud of - isn't one that commends itself to the current generation of young journalists, most of whose members are itching to forsake the newsagent's barrow for the Dillon's display window.

In fact, this spring's publishers' catalogues positively bristle with offerings from cool-eyed ornaments of the Daily X and the Sunday Y.

For example, former Sunday Mirror editor and newly appointed Tory spin doctor Amanda Platell has her first novel out in the early summer, Telegraph man John Preston's novel Ink is already in the shops. Polly Samson's collection of stories, Lying in Bed, is out shortly from Virago, with a novel promised for next year. Sunday Times columnist Zoë Heller produces in June, while The Mnil on Sunday's Suzanne Moore is apparently readying berself to deliver,

Searching to explain this torrent of print, compiled on afternoons off from Wapping or Canary Whart. one stumbles on the simultaneous lure of cash and cachet. There never was a journalist - Bernard excepted - who didn't wish to aim higher; to use the bread and butter world of Fleet Street as a stepping stone to serious literature.

On the other hand, many of the columnists now blossoming into print have been actively encouraged by publishers. Hot, new literary talent is always in short supply, and practically any journalist who shows the slightest spark of originality and, in addition, commands a regular following, learns to expect polite letters beginning "Dear X, I am a great admirer of your work and wonder if you have ever thought of writing a novel...

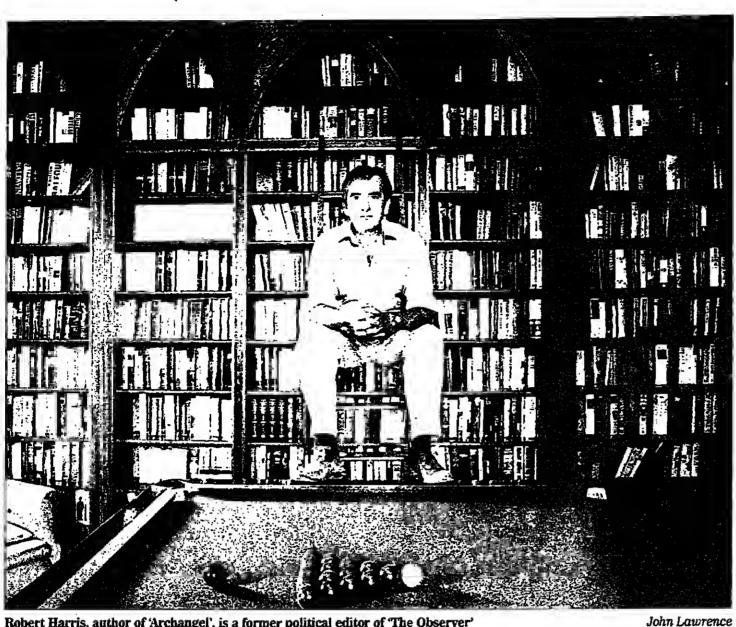
There are, of course, immensely respectable historical precedents for this. Both Dickens and Thackeray to take only two 19th-century behemoths - began their careers as newspaper hacks. Graham Greene's first novel was written between stints sub-editing on The Times, and Frederick Forsyth served an apprenticeship in the King's Lynn office of the Eastern Daily Press.

In the recent past, several household names have paid their dues in Fleet Street before proceeding to the best-seller lists. Veteran hacks will remember the youthful Sehastian Faulks as arts correspondent of The Dnily Telegraph, while Robert Harris, whose work Archangel is currently crowding out Waterstones' sbelves, was a political commentator for The Sunday Times.

Unsurprisingly this tradition of novelists spending their formative years on the subs' desk has produced a distinctive genre of journalists' novels about journalism.

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Robert Harris, author of 'Archangel', is a former political editor of 'The Observer'

Thackeray's Pendennis (1850), for example, offers a rather sanitised conspectus of the early-Victorian newspaper world. George Gissing's New Grub Street (1891), alternatively is a work of stark realism, full of down-at-heel hacks contemplating suicide in their cheerless garrets.

The foreign correspondent's novel begins with Evelyn Waugh's Scoop (1937), subtitled "A Novel about Journalists" and featuring the megalomaniac newspaper proprietor Lord Copper, owner of The Dnily Beast. Ferdinand Mount's The Clique (1978) opens early in 1965 among a group of notebook-wielding carrion crows assembled to cover the impending death of Sir Winston Churchill

Given the pull of the gerire and the time-honoured advice to aspiring novelists to "write about what you know", it's relatively uncommon for journalists' novels to stray too far beyond the workplace.

Wendy Holden's Simply Divine, published earlier this year, covers the world of fashionable party-going which Ms Holden had observed during her time oo Tatler. Tara Palmer-Tompkinson, widely supposed to he the model for "Champagne D'Vyne", was supposed to be mildly annoyed.

to contain a boardroom revelation or two. One exception to this pronounced roman-a-clef tendency was AA Gill's Sap Rising, which shyed away from the subjects of television and overpriced restaurants for the machinations of a Kensington garden committee.

Other novels simply grow out of their author's column. Helen Fielding's Bridget Jones's Diary famously began in these pages. Similarly, Isabel Wolff's The Trials of Tiffany Trott started life as a Telegraph column detailing its singleton author's trawl through the dating agencies in search of Mr Right. A successor, The Making of Minty Malone, appears this summer.

But the staple of the genre - the journalistic caper novel, full of hungled scoops, missed deadlines and sexual embarrassments - continues to flourish. Last year's highlight was Andrew Martin's Bilton, which featured a lifestyle journalist with a serious attitude problem. This year's variations are long-time Fleet Street habitues Tim Heald's Press Gang. and Prestoo's Ink.

While the latter tends to the macabre, starting with a body fished out of the Thames and including interludes at graveyard and mortuary.

Amanda Platell's novel is thought it does cootain a classic genre joke: a newspaper in which hacks who fail to meet their deadlines are sent to the basement to work on the Queen Mother's obituary.

The question facing the critic who is confronted with this acreage of print, produced by people whose faces (and opinions) are already familiar at the breakfast table, is: are they any good? The answer is: it depends. Sap Rising was widely adjudged to be appalling: many reviewers said so, the author was extremely cross and a good deal of fun was had by observers.

novel-writing journalists never make it beyond the first attempt. Either the effort is too much, or the exercise reveals Itself simply as a vacation from the proper job. Bryan Appleyard, for example, has remained silent on the fiction front since his debut. The First Church of the New Millennium, in 1994.

But there are successes - both Lynne Truss and Mark Lawson manage to keep joint careers affoat.

Finally, there is a somewhat smaller category of journalists ooe wishes would write novels, or in the case of Telegraph editor Charles Moore, were allowed to publish those they had written. (Moore once

took six months off between jobs to write a novel called The Real World, hut it was supposed - at any rate by the libel lawyers - to contain a portrait of the Tory guru Sir Alfred Sherman, and never appeared.)

In the end, motivation is all. Writing novels - whatever anyone who has never written one may think to the contrary - is hard. Combining works of fictional genius with two newspaper columns a week or shifts on the subs' desk, takes a stamina that many of Wapping and Canary Wharf's finest may not possess.

Significantly perhaps. Graham Ominously, perhaps, a good many Greene's first act on learning of the success of The Mnn Within was to offer his resignation at Printing House Square. Thackeray, whose gentlemanly instincts were sometimes offended by having to associate with low-class hacks, eventually left his job on Punch. claiming that he was "too hig to pull in the boat". Certainly, a skim through the best novels about journalism soon demonstrates that most of them were written by people who had already left the profession.

> DJ Taylor's biography of Thackeray is due out in September. The paperback of his novel 'Trespass'.

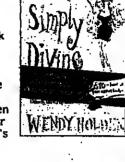
After all the outcry, listeners are finally returning to Radio 4. Sue Gaisford appraises its highs and lows

REPORTERS REVIEWED

Simply Divine by Wendy Holden, former deputy editor of Tatler The Independent: Efficiently written, the novel cracks along to its happy ending. It never makes you laugh, though: always something of drawhack

in a comic novel.

The Telegraph: When Champagne (a character who writes a column on a glossy magazine) lands a huge advance for a novel – "Money for old rope." snorts another - one recalls that Holden has already been buxomly rewarded for this slovened, creaking prattle. Holden's literary model is clearly Jilly Cooper before she discovered graphic sex.



The Trials of Tiffany Trott by Isabel Wolff, columnist on The Daily Telegraph The Independent on Sanday: Bridget

Jones has a lot to answer for. We have been assailed by far too many columns and novels, all too obviously pitched as Bridget-with-a-twist: an older/younger/ cleverer/thicker/classier/more downmarket etc singleton.

The Times: Tiffany divides her time between Hampstead, where she has glasses of wine with her friends and talks cliches about relationships, and the Ritz, where she meets, through small ads and blind dates, caricatures of dysfunctional men who won't commit. Another eked-out cocktail from the original Bridget Jones concentrate. Enough - It has become very sickly.

Ink by John Preston, arts editor of The Sunday Telegraph

Evening Standard: Cliff the cretinous columnist, Johnny the foppish diarist and industrial Gavin who never says a word are Instantly recognisable types. It features a brilliant scoop de theatre and It makes you think but, above all, It makes you laugh.

Archangel by Robert Harris, former Newsnight reporter and political editor of The Observer, now columnist on The Sunday Times.

Mail on Sunday: The secret turns out to he not that shocking and a plot that involves a mystery and a chase is hardly original. So what is it about this book that had me rationing my reading so as to make it last longer and left me disappointed when it ended so ahruptly? Harris is a master of hackground, a setter of places and people that are so gripping in their own right that the plot hecomes almost incidental. He uses his journalist's skills to create an atmosphere of absolute authenticity. The Independent: Archangel is pageturning entertainment. The background, in Stalin's Russia as well as the present. is utterly authentic and presented with an ease and relevance not always achieved by Harris's competitors. However, a certain portentousness in the writing, and the fact that it is longer

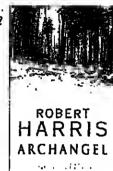
than it need be, seem to imply that

literary stature and as an analysis of

Russia. This won't do.

Harris and his publisher want us to take

Archongel seriously, both as a novel with



THE WORD ON THE STREET

Freud's plans to take over The Star seem to have stalled and now their preferred choice as editor of a new-model red top, Mike Soutar, has gone and found himself a better job. Soutar, the mar who turned FHM from a 60,000 a month fashion mag to a halfmillioo selling lads' mag has gone to New York to be editor of the US edition of Maxim. It's not a bad career decision, Moxim is America's fastest growing magazine, while The Star struggles to survive and even its owners want rid of it.

THE PROGRAMMES in competition for this month's Golden Rose of Montreux are the usual combination of the bizarre and brilliant. Foreign judges will probably love BBC 2's The League of Gentlemen and Big Train they are after all very strange. But Caroline Aherne's Royle Family has been nominated and has problems being understood south of Watford. let alone by a Spanish judge. It Mirror sites has become will be interesting to see how

well the Ivann Zigon Show and the arts special Goran Bregovic at Olumpian, do they are both from the Serbian Broadcasting Corporation, not the flavour of the month at the moment, And Channet 5's programme buyers must make sure they go - one of Israel's entries is called Spank!

The Mirror who are loudly touting their plans to be free Internet Service Providers. A report last week from the highly credible IMRG group whose members include BT Deloitte & Touche and IBM was headed "The me-toomadness of the free ISP". Ominous sections included one called "There is no money" which showed how no one will make a penny from providing a free ISP It also explained that as everyone from Farmers Weekly to Barclays and Virgin are now providing free ISP services, the chances of millions seeing the advertising on the Sun or

increasingly unlikely.

BAD NEWS for The Sun and

The first year of living dangerously JAMES BOYLE introduced his new displaced country-dwellers whorel- a live audience of six, teams of zany schedule for Radio 4 a year ago, to considerable dismay. Yet, however you massage them, the Rajar listening-figures suggest he is at last winning. People are coming back.

They have to. Radio 4 is the only aural equivalent of a broadsheet. Certainly, other stations sidle occasionally into its purlieus but, mostly, the rest are either specialist publications or tabloids. And, as with a favourite paper, there is a trusting expectation among consumers that Radio 4 will get it right. So, is such confidence justified? For the listener, what has changed?

Mostly, it's the timing. Boyle believes that we all needed a better sense of what is on when. In general, he keeps to the hour and the halfhour throughout a day that was previously divided more whimsically. This is a reasonably good idea. At 6am now, we can expect Today; at 9am, a serious (and often seriously good) discussion programme; at 10am, Woman's Hour, at 12noon, You nnd Yours... and so on.

This has, at least, the comfort of predictability, but there are hidden problems. For example, Today's early start means that Farming Today has slipped back into the sleepy hours before dawn - and lost listeners. There is an attractive theory that the British, however urban their lives, see themselves as

ished a moment of oostalgic agricultural concern before the heavy news. Too bad. And Today, now extended backwards and forwards into essays and phone-ins, has lost its edge, along with its rural and political bookends.

The Archers' move to 2pm caused outrage to those with limited lunchbours, but they can, at least, catch the Sunday morning repeat. To achieve the shift. The World at One was truncated and a new quiz-slot introduced. While not a bad idea in theory, this became, unfortunately, the worst innovation of all. Who can forget the moment when, in front of

accountants and dingbat hankers slogged out the details on Tricks of the Trade? There are other contenders for the worst quiz: Guess What? was dreadful, but probably worse was I'm Glad You Asked Me That. No we weren't. We switched off.

To be fair, Boyle is willing to learn. Most of those fearsome quizzes have recently been replaced with more stimulating fare. And then, at 2.15pm we have a 45-minute daily play. This has, mysteriously, provoked hysterical rage. Yet the regular demand has stimulated more innovative drama on Radio 4 in the last year than ever before.

Comedy has been patchy - but it's case of what turns you on. You should book a doctor's appointment if you laugh at, say, King Stupid or Five Squeezy Pieces - but World of Pub, Dan and Nick and The Very

World of Millon Jones were sublime. Some old furniture has been replaced for the better-Front Row, particularly when Francine Stock is in charge, is much better than the old Kaleidoscope - and some for the worse: it was mad to replace the Woman's Hour serial with such an execrable daily drama as Under One Roof Ifeaturing the first and. I hope, the last radio bikini-wax). Good broadcasters have been

Peter White's excellent Blind Man on the Rampage was followed by his fascinating series about disabled American achievers, No Triumph, No Tragedy. And John Peel's phenomenally successful Home Truths recently won a coveted Broadcasting Press Guild award and is up for several Sonys. But you win some you lose some. Jim Naughtie's interactive Bookclub and Diana Madill's A Hard Act to Follow are both very good; Matthew Parris and his mum's oedipal Mothers and Sons proved to be hilariously dreadful - there should be a Sony Syrup

given a welcome chance to do more:

award for mawkishness. Whatever the clangers, Boyle is still willing to take risks. He'll give prominence to pure dazzling, inspiring science in Frontiers and he'll air Edi Stark's brilliant series from a Scottish jail, Managing Life. In this first year, we've also had marvellous new plays such as Lesley Bruce's Vox Bopp, arresting readings such as Ann Wroe's Pilote and innovative classic serials such as Enyd Williams's Hound of the Baskervilles, or John Dryden's remarkable Bleak House. And - particularly now that he's beginning to show signs of changing his ways when be's ohviously been wrong - I don't think it would make much sense to expel him. He might yet

become a memorable head boy.

JAMES BOYLE: REPORT CARD

Name: James Boyle. Class R4 Maths: Hopeless. Science: Improving interesting new ideas. History: Plodding, but good work, notably on HMS Windrush. Religious Education: Shows a thoughtful, at

times multicultural. Current Affairs: Very

international politics. English Literature: Excellent, Fine interpretations of

as well as interesting readings of contemporary authors. **Creative Writing:** Signs of effort, though easily led. Art: Much Improved. Drama: Tends to work in short, regular tursts, but has

produced some outstanding plays. Musical Appreciation: Must pull his socks up.

Worse than useless. General Report: James has made a fairly good start. He Is orderly and punctual. though his attempts at humour are often out of place. His presidency of the **Debating Society** introduced excellent speakers. But he needs to get out more into

Physical Education:

approach.

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grasp of political and

DAY REVIEW

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Dylan Jones promises to return the gentleman to the pages of GQ with a classic formula. By Paul McCann

Per The man who says he won't be a lad

David should enterprise that requires new clothes. Dylan Jones, who last week was appointed editor of GQ, shouldn't have to worry. He arrived for The Independent's interview wearing a Timothy Everett suit, a Hawes and Curtiss shirt and Richard James tie – he is already the physical manifestation of GO man.

It's not just his suit which makes him seem ideal to step into the handmade shoes of departed demon editor James Brown. Biographers often fall into the trap of looking only for events which foreshadow their subject's eventual fame. But with 38year-old Jones it is difficult to resist the feeling that everything which has gone before was preparation for being editor of GQ.

He attended Britain's hippest colleges - Chelsea School of Art and St Martin's School of Art (as it was then) - at the height of punk, and took very hip courses in photography and graphic design. After he graduated, he ran nightclubs for two ears, a time he describes obliquely s "my period of bad behaviour".

In 1983, he joined i-D which, with The Face, was the first of the style magazines, and he quickly rose to become editor, before being asked to become contributing editor.

"It was a great period," he says of the early Eighties. "Lifestyle journalism was in its infancy and it was great fun working on those magazines because you lived and breathed the lifestyle. Now lifestyle is part of mainstream culture and is serviced by lots of magazines, newspaper sections and TV programmes. The Sunday Times didn't have a style section in the early Eighties. We were at the forefront of that stuff. Admittedly it was very hedonistic. and it was a lot of fim.

its sister title, Arena, the first true men'a lifestyle magazine, where he was first features editor, then deputy, and then editor until 1992. He did. as he has said, "ride the yuppie wave" throughout the Eighties.

In 1992, he was poached from Arena by The Observer where he worked on its then huxuriant magazine section. When the paper was taken over by the Guardian group, he moved to The Sunday Times magazine. After a hrief stint there, he returned to Nick Logan and his company Wagadon as overall editorial director. Here he had the only black marks on his career: he oversaw the launches of Deluxe and Frank. Deluze was a lad's magazine for more intelligent twentysomethings which closed after only a few issues. For Frank, he hired all the original staff, including departed editor Tina Gaudoin, Frank now by Nick Logan, founder of The Face, sells only 35,000 copies a month and is tipped for closure.

For the last 18 months he has expensively hrought in because been editor-at-large for The Sunday publisher Condé Nast wanted het-Times where, he confesses, he has ter sales, but he had proved too revhad a fine time: "It's the only job I've olutionary for it to handle. had since I started journalism

Jones is seen by many in the where I haven't been totally officemagazine industry as a safe pair of bound - I've been a journalist. I was hands following the Brown ructions. having so much fun I wasn't antic-"This is bowling the hall straight down the middle of the wicket," says ipating going to do something like one industry insider, "He's a kind of GQ. But opportunities like this are so rare, it's too good an opportunity ur men's magazine editor."

He maintains that he is not a dic-The opportunity has come about tatorial editor - he describes, in an because of former editor James aside, a former editor who gave his Brown's very public departure after reprimands loudly on the newsproducing an issue of GQ which fearoom floor as a "pig" - and has no tured several prominent Nazis on a plans for a wholesale clear-out of list of style icons, and pictures of a staff. But the quality of the magazine's features, he believes, needs blood-splattered nude model in a bath. Equally importantly, the magto be urgently improved: "It always azine's circulation had fallen from sounds very pompous when you try 148,000 to 132,000 under Brown. to describe any editorial vision. It's The award-winning editor of not rocket science. You just have to Loaded, which revolutionised men's have good ideas that are written well magazines, Brown had been hy good writers.

ing in an awful lot of journalists from the broadsheets. There are a lot of great journalists who aren't working on magazines at the moment and they're going to be working for GQ. What I want to achieve with the magazine is to make it like a mass-market hroadsheet - we want to be covering intelligent subjects in a populist way and populist subjects

with urgenc and vibrancy." But there is to be no relaunch, nor radical changes. Instead Jones, who believes James Brown's major mistake was to throw the baby of old GQ out with the bathwater, plans quiet evolution.

in an intelligent way - all presented

"I don't have a problem with photographic images of women. I think that there were perhaps a few too many in GQ and perhaps they

"With GQ I'm going to be hring- morally-it is an intrinsic part of the whole package.

"When we were doing Arena in the early days 10 years ago, it was almost impossible to put women in the magazine because then you were actually trying to say to people: this is a new type of men's magazine. Because at that time the only other type of men's magazines were pornographic magazines. Now the culture has shifted. Women will probably not be as scantily clad and I won't be covering them in blood or swastikas. The problem with James's so-called controversial issue was that the pictures were not contextualised in the right way and were surrounded by some things which were less than pleasant."

In his writings for The Sunday Times, Jones confesses to being a snoh - he recently expressed weren't of the right sort. But I cer- shocked displeasure on finding that tainly don't have a problem with that a Premiership footballer had the

same kind of Smeg cooker as him. Friends believe that he likes to portray himself as a kind of style reactionary; one who hates trainers, untucked shirts and house music. Classic British tailoring and Bryan Ferry are much more his scene which says a lot about the change in direction that Condé Nast wants

"Dylan is part of that group of older magazine people who believe that you can publish an old-fashioned men's magazine which tips its hat to American Esquire in the Sixties, and if you do it well enough, it will be a success," says a former colleague. "That ignores the fact that the market has changed so much recently and that there are magazines such as Front which show pictures of people with deformities and lots of female flesh. That said, if anyone can make a success of the classic formula, it is Dylan."



After The Face, Jones moved to 'I don't have a problem with photographs of women. But they won't be as scantily clad and I won't be covering them in blood and swastikas

Are you being served?

A show that mixes hard news, satire and comedy is the latest innovation in Radio 5 Live's Sunday morning slot. But not everyone is convinced. By Richard Cook

to turn down."

magine a world in which The Big Breakfast, not Newsright, is the principal arbiter of the news agenda. Then imagine a Big Breakfast whose raison d'être is to free the falsely imprisoned, to tackle the bitter social issues facing the unemployed in Liverpool, and to provide detailed analysis of the political situations in Kosovo and Northern Ireland.

Oh yes, and also to resuscitate Jim Bowen's career, promote a 40year-old mother of three from a rundown Canning Town council estate as a stock market guru, and prove the salvation of British radio satire.

Imagine no longer. This unlikely creature has arrived in the shape of Sunday Service, a seamless twohour mixture of serious news analysis, satire and humour that made its debut on Radio 5 Live on the morning of Easter Sunday.

"I certainly don't think every one's news agenda is dictated by Newsnight. The fact is that you can have a laugh at something one minute, and then move on to something serious, because that's just the way people think," explains the show's producer and the head of Planet 24 Radio, Alex Connock. He sents a Jerry Springer-style segment is also the man who helped revive the fortunes of The Big Breakfast. "A lot of papers put funny stories on the former military attaché to Bel-MACHINE TO THE PARTY OF T the same pages as important news stuff because that's just the way people, and especially young people, think about these things. It's only surprising because broadcasters haven't tended to think this way."

The Sunday morning show is presented by former GLR favourite turned TV presenter, Fi Glover, at this point that Whelan and Pierce Nothing too surprising there. But are expected to spring straight from she forms merely one part of an imlikely triumvirate of talent. She is joined by Gordon Brown's former the political journalist Andrew Pierce, of The Times, and a good friend of Whelan. Both are on hand

surprising there either. The surprise really starts as the punter on [the fans' football phoneshow - 60 per cent of which is in Six-O-Six, but people know you recorded live, and 40 per cent of can talk about Kosovo and football



Andrew Pierce, Fi Glover and Charlie Whelan

recorded segments - is suddenly taken over by young comics and Eighties television icons. The tone can switch straight from thoughts about Kosovo, for instance, to the thoughts of Jim Bowen, who premediating between warring posh folk. On the one hand, then, we have grade explaining how the choice for land war lies between a push through Hungary or across the Montenegran borde; on the other, we get the former Bullseye host chat-ting to two frightfully well-spoken pals, one of whom has just simply trashed Mummy's Swiss chalet. It's making earnest pundit comments

into all-action heckling. "My brief is simply to have a bit spin doctor Charite Whelan and by of fun," Whelan confirms. "We might have to tone it down a little at first, because of the events in Kosovo, but we are certainly not going to get too to add their expertise in, for exam- serious on the show. I'm actually a ple, tough interviews on the devel- bit nervous about it, because I've oping Kosovo crisis. Nothing too only ever been on the radio twice, to talk about the budget and as a

which is made up of elaborate pre- in the same breath because they do it themselves all the time." Certainly the pre-recorded features seem miles from the traditional news and discussion model. As well as Bowen, they include the quiz show Who Wants to be an MP?, which tests prospective parliamentary candidates on arcane trivia about their chosen constituencies. Comedy comes courtesy of Iain Lee, with a series of inspired rants

about the miseries of modern life. The other regular is Emma Kennedy, who uses her slot in the first programme to test whether loan companies really will sanction a loan "for absolutely any purpose" at all. In her case, that meant impersonating a Welsh mother who needed cash to test a roulette system she had developed on the plastic set in her son's bedroom, a Madame Whiplash looking to invest in new stock and a would-be counterfeiter of bank notes. Needless to say, all received the provisional go-ahead.

Sunday Service beat off 30 rival bids from some of the radio production industry's biggest names for the high-profile, year-long contract. But even before it launched, it was raising a few hackles among R5's top brass. The whisper was that the show would lower the station's

slightly too earnest tone.

"What we wanted when we put the show out to tender were new ideas," explains 5 Live commissioning editor, Steve Kite. "It's very hard to come up with something new in current affairs shows, hut Planet 24 managed it. The idea of a combination of proper news and comedy was intriguing, even if I do realise that we will have to be extremely careful about how we push it. We dropped a segment containing an 'All you can eat' food review from the first show because of the refugee problem, for instance, and I suspect that while Kosovo is going on, we will continue to err on the side of

It's going to be a tricky balancing act because what is significant about Sunday Service is that this is not a show relegated to midnight on a Tuesday evening. It's a vital part nf R5's programming line-up. In radio terms, Sunday mornings represent an important opportunity for selling the station. On weekdays, listeners must desert their radios in droves during the breakfast show as they rush from home to work. On Sunday morning, however, they have more time to listen and, importantly, more time to decide on where they will leave their radio dial. Accordingly, it's when the stations traditionally wheel out their higgest names - Steve Wright, for instance, followed by Michael Parkinson on Radio 2, Danny Baker on Virgin, and the comedian Sean Hughes on GLR.

Sunday Service represents a bold gambit for R5, not least because topical satire is in a pretty parlous state in the late 1990s. The weakest part of Drop the Dead Donkey was its attempt to make gags about the week's news. The Friday Night Armistice meant well, hut never really delivered. But, even with the shadow of Kosovo. Sunday Service started hrightly. When it's good, as in a segment asking so-called Manchester United fans about fictional Juventus players with names culled from porn films, it's very good indeed. And let's face it, anything that worries the top brass at Radio 5 that the station is letting its hair down a little too much, has to be

Never mind the facts, feel the pressure

The quest for bigger ratings is the driving force behind recent questionable acts by television editors. By Duncan Campbell

THE EASTER end-of-term reports for broadcasters and independent documentary producers were not at all pleasant,

Two weeks ago The Guardian team which exposed the fakery in Cariton TV's documentary on drugs smuggling, The Connection, published new allegations. They claimed that the narrators of "Guns on the Street", a 1996 Channel 4 documentary in the Undercover Britain series, had used unacknowledged false names, and masqueraded as ordinary Mancunians concerned about illegal arms dealing - all the while concealing that one of them was a

convicted armed robber. The Guardian accompanied its long report with a judgment that "the independent TV sector is especially attractive to those who have a financial incentive to hype and even fabricate material - nur investigation raises questions for factual television, whose methods, quality-control systems and employment practices are already under scrutiny".

A week later, commercial TV's regulator, the Independent Television Commission, weighed in. Referring to the £2 million fine imposed on Carlton for The Connection, ITC chairman Sir Robin Biggam warned hroadcasters: "Changing practices within the industry, especially the way in which casual workers are increasingly used for certain tasks, are no excuse for an absence of editorial rigour".

The jury for "Guns on the street" is out while Channel 4 investigate and the ITC deliberate. But did The Guardian's good investigative work really need leavening with selfrighteous and ill-considered cant? Newspaper writers and editors are hardly well placed to cast the first

Does anyone in any media - print or broadcast - really believe that the independent or freelance sector of newspaper journalism lacks attractions for those who fall prey to "a financial incentive to hype and even fahricate material"?

If you compare daily newspaper journalism with its pressures to get material out six or seven days a week, with the long, intense and intimate scrutiny that every factual independent documentary gets in its journey, it will be apparent who, generally, has the greater time and re-

sources to check their facts. I have to declare an interest, My independent production company has made a string of documentaries for Channel 4, including four in the Undercover Britain series. As an independent producer whose pay cheque only arrives if a broadcaster has commissioned a programme, I am also in the category of "casu-

The demand for strong pictures is an intrinsic need of television. The pressure was on to see it all for real

als", the nature of whose employment the ITC seems to view as intrinsically flawed.

I very much wish it were not so. Nor is this diagnosis recognisable. "Changing practices" or "casuals" in the television industry are not new. They started 15 years ago, driven by deregulation and then by the rash of down-sizing and mergers. The onstaff factual departments of Britain's major commercial broadcasters are a shadow of what they once were. Many have just vanished, their former staff "casualised".

The future is more horrifying. The proliferation of digital channels will reduce the resources available for factual production, while competitive pressures will further drive commissioning editors to seek more

sensational, "different" approaches. and news and current affairs slip Channel 4's Undercover Britain ever further into the abyss.

arose within this trend. Its key components were the use of small concealed cameras which could take the viewer into otherwise unreachable situations of serious public concern, with a remarkable degree of verisimilitude.

The commissioning editors, Peter Moore and Alan Hayling, laid down at the outset a rule that the key narrators - the "video diarists" - should be non-journalists who had personally engaged with the topics they were to portray.

This added an unnecessary layer of complexity. And viewed in retrospect, it raises questions. For our first programme, which concerned false remedies offered to seriously ill patients, the selected "diarist" was a friend ill with Aids. He died two years later. He was happy about the stresses of production, but not all of those close to him felt the same.

Although I have no reason to fear accusations of fakery, I still reflect on different and worrying issues, which are the product of the same pressures as those which make producers fake scenes. Because on three occasions, two involving Undercover Britain, I or those working with me have been involved in serious violent incidents.

No one demanded that we do these things. But the demand for strong pictures is an intrinsic and singular need of television. The pressure was on, not to fake, but to see it all absolutely for real.

If it ITC genuinely wants a long-term remedy to the ills it perceives, it should put its own house in order first, and look to the government for support. Only a determined regulator can re-introduce the unfashionable public service broadcasting standards which might help commissioning editors limit the combined pressures of the ratings barons and the bottom-line bean counters, and change the legislative framework within which factual production has become "casualised".

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Nato casts doubt on the veracity of Yugoslav war reporting, but is our own media any less guilty of propaganda? By Philip Hammond

A war of words and pictures

t takes two sides to fight a propaganda war, yet critical commentary on the "war of words" has so far concentrated on the "tightly controlled" Yugoslav media. We have been shown clips rom "Serb TV" and invited to scoff at their patriotic military montages, rhile British journalists cast doubt n every Yugoslav "claim".

But whatever one thinks of the Yucoslav media they pale into nsignificance alongside the propacanda offensive from Washington, Brussels and London.

"They tell lies about us, we will go in telling the truth about them," says Defence Secretary George Roberton. Really? Nato told us the three aptured US servicemen were Unitd Nations peacekeepers. Not true. hey told us they would show us two aptured Yugoslav pilots who have ever appeared. Then we had the tory of the "executed" Albanian ≥aders – including Rambouillet egotiator Fehmi Agani - whose eaths are now unconfirmed.

When the Albanian leader brahim Rugova, who was said to be n hiding, turned up on Yugoslav elevision condemning Nato bombag, the BBC contrived to insinuate hat the pictures were faked, while thers suggested Rugova must have een coerced, blackmailed, drugged,

.r at least misquoted. They told us the paramilitary eader Arkan was in Kosovo, when e was appearing almost daily in lelgrade - and being interviewed by ohn Simpson there. They told us

into a concentration camp for 100,000 ethnic Albanians, when it was empty. Robertson posing for photographers in the cockpit of a Harrier can't have been propaganda. Only the enemy goes in for that sort

Nato's undeclared propaganda war is two-pronged. First, Nato has shamelessly sought to use the plight of Albanian refugees for its own purposes, cynically inflating the number of displaced people to more

than twice the UN estimate. Correspondents in the region are given star billing on BBC news. and are required not just to report but to share their feelings with us.

The media have left no cliché unturned in the drive to demonise Milosevic

As Peter Sissons asked Ben Brown in Macedonia: "Ben, what thoughts go through a reporter's mind seeing these sights in the dying moments of the 20th century?

Reports from the refugee centres are used as justifications for Nato strategy. The most striking example was the video footage smuggled out of Kosovo said to show "mass murder". The BBC presented this as the "first evidence of alleged atrocities," unwittingly acknowledging that the allies had been bomb-

ing for 10 days without any evidence. Indeed, for days, the BBC had been inviting us to "imagine what may be happening to those left in Kosovo". After watching the footage, Robin Cook apparently knew who had been killed, how they had died, and why. Above all, he knew that the video "underlines the need for

military action".

The second line of attack is to demonise Milosevic and the Serbs. in order to deflect worries that the tide of refugees has been at least partly caused, by Nato's "humanitarian' bombing. Parts of Pristina have been flattened after being bombed every day for more than a week. Wouldn't you leave? And what about of thousands of Serbian refugees from Kosovo - are they being "ethnically cleansed", too? Sympathy does not extend to them, just as the 200,000 Serbian refugees from Krajina were ignored in 1995. Instead, the tabloids gloat "Serbs you right" as the missiles rain down.

The accusations levelled against the Serbs have escalated from "brutal repression" to "genocide". "atrocities" and "crimes against humanity", as Nato has sought to justify the bombing. Pointed parallels have been drawn with the Holocaust, yet no one seems to notice that putting people on a train to the border is not the same as putting them on a train to Auschwitz,

The media have taken their cue from politicians and left no clicke unturned in the drive to demonise Milosevic. The Yugoslav president has heen described by the press as a



Publicity coup: journalists examine the US Stealth bomber shot down in Serbia

grade", "the most evil dictator to emerge in Europe since Adolph Hitler", a "Serb tyrant" a "psychopathic tyrant" and a "former Communist hard-liner".

The Mirror also noted significantly that he smokes the same cigars as Fidel Castro. Just as they did with Saddam Hussein in the Gulf war, Panorama devoted a programme to "The Mind of Milosevic".

Several commentators have voiced their unease about the Nato action from the beginning. But press and TV have generally been careful to keep the debate within parameters of acceptable discussion, while politicians have stepped up the demonisation of the Serbs to try to drown out dissenting voices. The result is a confusingly schizophrenic

style of reporting. The rules appear to be that one

enough, or not sending ground troops. Pointing out that the Nato interventioo has precipitated a far worse crisis than the one it was supposedly designed to solve or that dropping bombs kills people are borderline cases, best accompanied by stout support for "our boys". What one must not do is question the motives for Nato going to war. In-

term is not politically correct. The limits of acceptable debate were revealed by the reaction to the hroadcast by SNP leader Alex Salmond, Many of his criticisms of Nato strategy were little different

deed, one is not even supposed to say

that Nato is at war. Under image-

conscious New Labour, actually

going to war is fine, but using the

can criticise Nato for not interven- hut what provoked the Governing early enough, not hitting hard ment's outrage was that he dared to compare the Serbs under Nato bombardment to the British in the Blitz. Tony Blair denounced the broadcast as "totally unprincipled", while Robin Cook called it "appalling", "irresponsible" and "deeply offensive".

The way Labour politicians have tried to sideline critics such as Salmond is similar to the way they have sought to hludgeon public opinion. The fact that Blair has felt it necessary to stage national broadcasts indicates the underlying insecurity of a government worried about losing public support and unsure of either the justification for or the consequences of its actions.

Audience figures for BBC news have reportedly risen since the air war began. Yet viewers have been illfrom those already raised by others, served by their public service broad-

caster. The BBC's monitoring service suggested that the "Serb media dances to a patriotic tune". Whose tune does the BBC dance to that it reproduces every new Nato claim

without asking for evidence? Just as New Labour has sought to marginalise its critics, so TV news has barely mentioned the protests across the world - not just in Macedonia, Russia, Italy and Greece - but also in Tel Aviv, Lisbon, San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles, Toronto, Sydney and elsewhere. Are we to suppose that these demonstrators are all Serbs, or that they have been fooled by the "tightly controlled" Yugoslav media?

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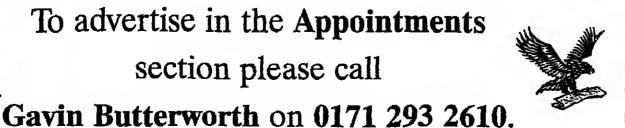
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NEW FILMS

BEYOND SILENCE (12) Director: Caroline Link Starring: Sylvie Testud, Howls Seago Caroline Link's fine domestic drama (Oscarnominated in 1997) revolves around the dynamics of the uncommon German household headed by able-bodied Lara (played by Tatjana Trieb as a child. Sylvie Testud as an adult), who acts as a representative for her deaf mum and dad (Emmanuelle Laborit, Howie Seago). Unshowy acting and a keen eye for telling detail help to keep

West End: ABC Swiss Centre BLAST FROM THE PAST (12)

the sentiment at bay.

Director: Hugh Wilson Starring: Brendan Fraser, Alicia Silverstone, Sissy Spacek, Christopher Walken

Less a blast than a faint pop. Hugh Wilson's workmanlike Cold War satire sees Brendan Fraser's last American man (called Adam, natch) emerging from the nuclear bunker his parents (Christopher Walken, Sissy Spacek) had holed up in during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Trouble is. of course, that the Bomb didn't get dropped, and California is still there (albeit in radically altered form). So off goes bewildered Adam through this brave new world, soon finding a sassy Eve in Alicia Silverstone's knowing Valley Girl, as a decent set-up nosedives into brash predictability. West End: Virgin Trocadero. And local

THE NIGHT OF THE HUNTER (12) Director: Charles Laughton

Starring: Robert Mitchum

Conceived by its creator as "a nightmarish sort wholly unique thing; a mescal lullaby sung over

cinemas

of Mother Goose tale", Charles Laughton's 1955 drama (his only stab at directing) proved altogether too rich and strange a brew for the neat, Formica tastes of McCarthy era USA. Now an acknowledged classic, The Night of the Hunter hinges on a legendary bit of screen villainy from Robert Mitchum as the tale's murderous preacher; LOVE and HATE tattooed across his knuckles, and chasing two imperilled orphans (Billy Chapin, Jane Bruce) into the arms of Lillian Gish's saintly fairygodmother. What might have been a run-of-themill thriller is conjured into the realms of fantasy by Laughton's skewed child's-eye vision, his Old Testament bombast and a ripe storybook style best evidenced in the kids' otherworldly trip downriver. This is a haunting,

an empty crib. West End: Curzon Soho, Repertory: The Pullman Everyman

PLUNKETT AND MACLEANE (15) Director: Jake Scott

Starring: Robert Carlyle, Jonny Lee Miller Plunkett and Macleane (Cartyle and Lee Miller) are rakish Dick Turpins cutting a dash through 18th-century society. They rob the rich and keep the loot. Plunkett packs a pistol and scowis a lot. Macleane romances a shapely debutante (Liv Tyler). Their adventures come choreographed to a thrumming techno heat. And yet beneath all the powder, the frills, the ruffles and the wigs, Plunkett and Macleane is a pretty plain-looking customer, shuffling along on a puny prop of a plotline that gets increasingly bent out of shape. As a substitute, director Jake (son of Ridley) offers noise, colour and virtuouso pop-promo visuals, while leaning heavily on the winning chemistry between his two stars (re-united from

Miller that keep it palatable. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Clapham Picture House, Notting Hill Coronel, Odean Camden Town, Odean Kensington, Odeon Leicester Square, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema. UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road. And local cinemas

Trainspotting). Ultimately, it's Carlyle and Lee

TEA WITH MUSSOLINI (PG) **Director:** Franco Zeffirelli

Starring: Maggie Smith, Joan Plowright, Judi Dench, Cher

Zeffirelli's clearly been at the Chianti again. His Tea with Mussolini is a typically squiffy and loquacious affair, ambling around the houses during its tale of three dotty Brits (Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Joan Plowright) adrift in Mussolini-era Tuscany. One senses that somewhere deep down in his consciousness, Zef has some points to make about fascism, and about the contrast between British fortitude and Yankee grit (represented by Cher's vital American vamp). But just as he seems to he nearing some thematic breakthrough, Tea With Mussolini turns all syrupy again. The scenery slips into a golden haze. The dialogue turns already half-asleep.

West End: Barbican Screen, Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys. Local: Edmonton Lee Valley UCI 12, Hompstead ABC, Richmond Odeon Studio, Streatham ABC, Sutton UCI 6, UCI Surrey Quays

s)urred and drippily incontinent. The acting goes off into a series of mannered tics: the starts, twitches and adjustments of a body

Xan Brooks

GENERAL RELEASE

AFFLICTION (15) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Piccadilly

AMERICAN HISTORY X (18)

A fiberal essay on right-wing fanaticism, this nonetheless indulges in some dubious Nazi chic as it charts the moral slide and conversion of a bluecollar racist (Edward Norton). West End: Claphom Picture House, Odean Camden Town, Odean Kensington, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

APRILE (12)

Aprile freewheels through three years in Italian politics. Impossible to pigeonhole, with its realist/absurdist rhythms, it bows out with a finale that's both ridiculous and charming. West End: Metro, Renotr

ARLINGTON ROAD (15)

Mark Pellington's paranoia thriller sees Jeff Bridges' college professor becoming suspicious about his "respectable" neighbour (Tim Robbins). Pellington is big on skewed camera angles, yet rings too few changes in his film's familiar territory. West End: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, Odean Swiss Cottage, Plaza, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

AN AUTUMN TALE (CONTE D'AUTOMNE) (U)

The final part of Eric Rohmer's Tales of the Four Seasons is at once airily elegiac and as warm as sunshine, Magali (Beatrice Romand) gets ushered through all manner of hoops as her friends try to set her up with eligible men. West End: Barbican Screen, Chelsea Cinema, Curzon Soho, Renoir ton. Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Repertory: Phoenix Cinema

CENTRAL STATION (15)

A road-movie of sorts, Central Station trails Fernanda Montenegro's refired schoolmarm and her abandoned nine-year-old charge on a hunt for Mayfair, Renoir, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street. Repertory: Watermans Arts Centre

FESTEN (THE CELEBRATION) (15) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Panton Street, Curzon Soho

GODS AND MONSTERS (15)

See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Toltenham Court Road, Clapham Picture House, Curzon Soho, Gate Notting Hill, Screen on the Hill, Virgin Fulham Road. Local: New Stratford Picture House

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (LA VITA E BELLA) (PG) In Roberto Benigni's Oscar-winning comedy, the writer-director takes centre stage as a clowning Jewish bookseller in fascist Italy Sent to a deathcamp, he strives to convince his son that it's all no more than an eccentric game. West End: ABC Swiss Centre, Empire Leicester Square, Curzon Minema Odeon Kensington, Odeon Mezzanine, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, Screen

on the Green, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Haymarket, Repertory: Phoenix Cinema. And local cinemas

MIGHTY JOE (PG) Disposable Disney fluff - King Kong with a smile

 with a ready charm that's hard to dislike. West End: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End. UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea. And local cinemas

Rumbling revenge thriller that sends its doublecrossed-and-left-for-dead anti-hero (Mel Gibson) on a mission to retrieve the money he's owned and to get even into the bargain. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Odeon Camden Town. Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

PLEASANTVILLE (12)

See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Odeon Comden Town, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

THE RUGRATS MOVIE (U)

Given the small-screen success of the 'rats (cartoon toddlers), a feature-length foray was always in the offing. Neatly timed for the Easter hols. West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Plaza, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Trocadero. Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (15) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Kensing-Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

THE THIN RED LINE (15) Terrence Malick's long-awaited return to the director's chair is a fabulous, fever-struck war film. the boy's missing father. West End: Curzon A cast of familiar faces play determined second fiddle to The Thin Red Line's creeping narcotic mood. West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Mezzonine, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Haymarket. And local cinemas

THIS YEAR'S LOVE (18)

A cast of Britain's finest (Kathy Burke, Ian Hart, Douglas Henshall et al) weave to and fro through David Kane's Camden-set essay on urban romance. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Haymarket, Ritzy Cinema. And local cinemas

WAKING NED (PG)

Good news: Ned, a salt-of-the-earth resident of Tullymore has won the lottery. Bad news: Ned is dead. Cue a rattle-bag of comedic misadventures as two local scallywags scheme to get their paws on the loot. West End: Clapham Picture House, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Chelsea, Repertoru: Watermans Arts Centre. And local cinemas

THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS

THE FIVE BEST FILMS

Gods and Monsters (15)

A droll speculation on the last days of 1950s horror aueur James Whale (Ian McKellen), who is magnetised by the form of his gardener (Brendan Fraser). Director Bill Condon won an Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay.

Pleasantville (12)

Two Nineties tecoagers are "sucked" into the world of a favourite Fifties sitcom and begin to exert a dramatic influence on its conformist black-and-white idyll. A witty parable about prejudice and change.

Festen (15)

Danish director Thomas Vinterberg's superlative black comedy centres on the 60th hirthday of a family patriarch who finds himself at the heart of dark secrets that unexpectedly emerge.

Affliction (15) Paul Schrader's hleak, Oscarwinning study in fatherhood and futalism stars Nick Nolte as a man struggling to escape the influence of his violent dad -James Coburn (right, Best Supporting Actor).

Shakespeare in Love (15) This enjoyable, Oscar-ladeo historical romp suggests

how romance fired Shakespeare with the inspiration for Romeo and Juliet, Joseph Fiennes and Gwyneih Paltrow (Best Actress) head an impressive cast.

ANTHONY QUINN

THE FIVE BEST PLAYS

Good (Donmar Warehouse, London) Starring Charles Dance, CP Taylor's play about accommodations with conscience is revived in an immaculate and sensitive production by Michael Grandage. To 22 May

The artfully fractured form of Moises Kaufman's compelling

(Gielgud Theatre, London) play about (right) Oscar Wilde manages to present the writer man and symbol - in all his complex contradictoriness. Booking to 5 Jun

Gross Indecency

The Late Middle Classes

(Palace Theatre, Watford) The fruitful collaboration between Simon Gray and Harold Pinter continues with the latter's production of Gray's dark comedy set in 1950s England. To 10.4pr

Volpone (Swan Theatre, Stratford) Comedies don't come any funnier or more astringeot

thao Ben Jonson's brilliant dissection of avaricious, over-reaching egotism. To 9 Oct Troilus and Cressida

(Olivier, NT, London)

This play and this theatre are made for each other, a fact proved by the masterly sweep of Trevor Nunn's production. To 19 May

PAUL TAYLOR

THE FIVE BEST SHOWS

Jackson Pollock (Tate Gallery) Big, revelatory retrospective for the wild hero of Abstract Expressionism (going on Old Master), legendary for his great drip paintings, but virtually

unshown here for 40 years. To 6 Jun

Portraits by Ingres (National Gallery) Some of the smartest, most intense portraiture ever. Men as icons of power, women as exquisite mélanges of flesh and fabric. To 25 Apr

Henri Michaux (Whitechapel Gallery)

He travelled. He wrote, He took drugs. And, inspired by grief and mescalin, he created amazing. wobbly bobbly wibbly scribbly fine-grain line drawings (right). To 25 Apr

Andreas Gursky (Dean Gallery, Edinburgh)

Photographs 1994-98: huge, panoramic, high-finish, micro-detailed, digitally manipulated images of our world - stock-exchange floor, cityscape, hotel fover, Vistas of more than the eye can see, To 16 May

Aubrey Beardsley (Wa)ker Art Gallery, Liverpool)

The short and brilliant career of the 1890s aesthete and illustrator, with his masterful blacks and whites and his uniquely sinuous, florid line. To 11 Apr

TOM LUBBOCK

CINEMA WEST END

ABC PANTON STREET ABC PANTON STREET
(0870-902 0404) Piccadilly
Circus The 39 Steps (1935
Version) 1.25pm. 3.30pm.
6.10pm. 8.45pm Elizabeth
2.15pm. 5.15pm. 8.10pm Festen
(The Celebration) 1.15pm.
3.40pm. 6pm. 8.35pm Hilary and
Jackie 2.25pm. 5.25pm. 8.20pm ABC PICCADILLY

(0171-437 3561) . Piccadilly Circus Affliction 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm Your Friends and Neighbors 1.35pm. 3.55pm. 6.15pm, 8.35pm ABC SHAFTESBURY AVENUE

(0870-902 0402) © Leicester -Square/Tottenham Court Road Arlington Road 1.05pm, 3.25pm, 5.45pm, 8.40pm Elizabeth 5.45pm, 8.40pm El 1.40pm, 5.15pm, 8.20pm

(0870-902 0403) De Leicester Square/Piccadilly Circus Beyond Silence (Jenselts der Stille) 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 6.30pm. 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm Hideous Kinky 1.50pm, 4.05pm, 6.15pm, 8.35pm La Vita è Bella 1.20pm, 3.45pm, 6,10pm, 8.40pm La Vie Revee des Anges (The Dream Life of Angels) 1.45pm, 4.05pm, Angels) 1.45 6.25pm, 8.40pm

ABC TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD (0870-902 0414) + Tottenham Court Road Gods and Monsters 1.10pm. 3.50pm, 6.55pm. Payback Plunkett and Macleane 1.25pm. 4pm, 6.45pm, 9.35pm

BARBICAN SCREEN Agorgate/Barbican An Autumn Tale (Conte d'Automne) 6.15pm. 3.40pm Tea with Mussolini 6.15pm, 8.40pm

CHELSEA CINEMA (0171-351 3742) O Sloane Square An Autumn Tale (Conte d'Automne) 1.35pm. 3.55pm. 6.25pm, 8.45pm

CLAPHAM PICTURE HOUSE (0171-498 3323) O Clapham Common American History X 1.45pm, 4.10pm, 6.40pm, 1.45pm, 4.10pm, 0.30pm 9.10pm A Bug's Life 1.30pm Gods and Monsters 2.30pm, 4.45pm, 9.20pm Plunkett and Macleane 2pm, 4.20pm, 6.50pm, 9pm Waking Ned 3.30pm, 5 30pm. 7.30pm, 9.30pm

CURZON MAYFAIR (0171-369 1720) O Green Park Central Station (Central do 1.30pm. 3.45pm. 5.15pm, 8.45pm

CURZON MINEMA (0171-369 1723) → Hyde Park Corner/Knightsbridge La Vila è Bella 3pm. 6.30pm. 8.50pm

CURZON SOHO (0171-734 2255 (12noon-6pm)) O Leicester Square/Tottenhama Court Road An Autumn Tale (Conte d'Automne) 2pm 4.45pm, 7pm, 9.15pm Fesien (The Celebration) 3pm, 9.30pm Gods and Monsters 2.15pm. 4.30pm, 6.45pm, 9pm Night of The Hunter 1pm. 5.15pm, 7.15pm

EMPIRE LEICESTER SQUARE 2.30pm. 5.30pm. 8.15pm kespeare in Love 12noon. 2.45pm, 5.45pm, 8.30pm Tea with Mussolini 12.15pm. 3pm 6pm, 8.45pm

GATE NOTTING HILL

(0171-727 4043) O Notting Hill iale Gods and Monsters 2pm. 4.20pm, 6.40pm, 9pm I+ Short: Grandpal (0171-734 1506) O Piccadilly

Ircus/Leicester Square Aprile

3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm Elizabeth

1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm NOTTING HILL COPONET (0171-727 6705) ← Notting Hill Gate Plunkett and Macleane 3.30pm, 6pm, 8 50pm

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(08705-050007) → Piccadilly Circus This Year's Love 1.15pm. 3 40pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm **ODEON KENSINGTON**

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ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (08705-050007) Θ Leicester Square Plunkett and Macleane 1.40pm, 4pm, 6.25pm, 8.50pm

OOEON MARBLE ARCH (08705-050007) © Marble Arch A Bug's Life 12.50pm Mighty Joe 12.20pm. 3.20pm Payback 1.15pm. 3.45pm. 6.30pm, 9.10pm Plunkett and Macleane 1.20pm, 3.50pm, 6.20pm, 9.05pm The Rugrats Movie 12.10pm, 2.15pm, 4.20pm, 6.25pm Shakespeare in Love 6.20pm, 9.05pm The Thin Red Line 8.10pm Waking Ned 3.25pm, 6.25pm, 8.5upm

ODEON MEZZANINE 3.05pm, 5.35pm, 8.20pm La Vita é Belta 12.45pm, 3.70pm, 6pm. 8.40pm Lock, 5tock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.25pm, 3.55pm, 6.20pm, 8.45pm The Thin Red Line 17.55pm. 4.15pm, 7.40pm

ODEON SWISS COTTAGE (08705-050007) **↔** Cottage American History X 3pm, 8.20pm Arlington Road 12.30pm, 5.35pm A Bug's Life 1.30pm Mighty Joe 12.40pm. 3.20pm Payback 3.45pm. 6.15pm, 8.45pm Plunkett and Macleane 1.15pm. 3.45pm. 6.15pm. 8.50pm Shakespeare in Love 5.45pm. 8.25pm Tea with Mussalini 12.30pm. 3.10pm. 5.50pm. 8.30pm Waking Ned 12.20pm. 2 30 6.45pm. 8.55pm 2 30pm.

OOEON WEST END Mighty Joe 12.55pm. 3.25pm. 6pm Waking Ned 1.40pm. 4.05pm. 6.35pm. 9pm

PEPSI IMAX CINEMA

(0171-494 4153) O Precadilly Circus Blue Planet 12 35pm est 4,45pm, 9.05pm L5 The First City in Space (3-D) 2.40om. 7pm T-Rex; Back to the Cretaceous [3-D] 11.30am. 3.40pm. 8pm, 10.10pm

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(0171-837 8402) & Russell

Square Aprile 4.40pm. 9pm An

Autumn Tale (Conte d'Automne) 1 35pm. 3 55pm. 6 25pm. 8.45pm Central Station [Central do Brasil) 1.20pm, 6 40pm RITTY CINEMA

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SCREEN ON BAKER STREET (0171-935 2772) ← Baker Street Central Station (Central do Brasil) 3.50pm. 6.20pm, 8.45pm La Vita é Bella 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.35pm

SCREEN ON THE GREEN (0171-226 3520) → Angel/ Highoury & Islington La Vita è Bella 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.35pm

(0171-435 3366) ⊕ Belsize Park Gods and Monsters 2.15pm, 4.25pm, 6 4·0pm, 8.55pm TRICYCLE CINEMA (0171-328 1000) Kilbum A Life 1.30pm, 4pm W

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7.15pm, 9.25pm VIRGIN FULHAM ROAD 10870-907 0711) & South Kensington Gods and Monsters 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 9pm Payback 1.40pm, 4.10pm, 6.40pm, 9.20pm Plunkett and Macteane 12.10pm, 2.30pm, 4.50pm, 7.10pm, 9.30pm Shakespeare in Love 12.40pm. 3.30pm, 6.10pm, 8.50pm The Thin Red Line 1pm, 4.30pm, 8.20pm You've Got Mighi 8 20pm You've Go 2.40pm, 5.20pm, 8pm

VIRGIN HAYMARKET (0870-907 0712† → Piccadilly Circus American History X 3.15pm La Vita e Bella 3.20pm, 6.05pm, 8.50pm The Thin Red Line 1 pm, 4.30pm, 8pm

VIRGIN TROCADERO [0870-907 0716] Piccadilly Circus Arlington Road 12.15pm. 50pm, 5.30pm, 8.30pm Blast from The Past 12.15pm. 3pm. 5.50pm, 8.50pm A Bug's Life 12.05pm, 2.05pm, 4.05pm A Night at The Roxbury 6.05pm, 9.20pm Payback 12.20pm, 3pm. .40pm, 8.40pm Pleasantville 9pm The Rugrats Movie 11.40am, 1.35pm, 3.30pm, 5.25pm, 7.15pm Shakespeare 5.30pm. 8.20pm You've Got M@il 12.10pm, 2.50pm, 5.40pm. 8.50pm

WARNER VILLAGE WEST END History X 2.30pm, 3.15pm, 6.20pm 9pm Arlington Road 12.20pm, 3.10pm, 6.15pm, 9.10pm A Bug's Life 11.50am, 2.05pm, 12.20pm. 4.70pm Madeline 12.40pm The Opposite of Sex 2.40pm, 7.25pm, 9.45pm 5.05pm. Payback 11.30am, 1pm. 2pm, 3.30pm, 4.30pm, 8 30pm, 9 30pm The Rugrats Movie 1.20pm, 3.20pm, 1.20pm. 5 20pm, 7.20pm Urban Legend 9 25pm You've Got M@il 12.50pm. 3.30pm, 6.10pm,

CINEMA LONDON LOCALS

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(0181-896 0066) & Park Royal
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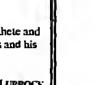
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HAMPSTEAD ABC (0870-902 0413) ← Belsize Park American History X 8.15pm A Bug's Life 1.10pm. 3.10pm La Vita e Bella 5.45pm. 8.30pm The Rugrats Movie 2pm, 4pm, 6pm Tea With Mussolini 2.45pm, 5.35pm,

HARROW SAFARI (0181-426 0303) & Harrow-on-the-Hill Harrow & Wealdstone Aarzoo 1,30pm, 5pm Hum Aapke Dil Mein Rehte Hain 1,30pm, 5pm, 8,45pm

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KINGSTON ABC OPTIONS |0870-902 0409) BR: Kingston A Bug's Life 1.20pm Payback 3.35pm, 6.10pm, 8.35pm Plunkett and Macleane 1.10pm, 3 30pm, 6,05pm, 8,30pm The Ru-grass Movie 1,40pm, 3,50pm, 6pm Shakespeare in Love 8,05pm

MUSWELL HILL ODEON (08705 050007) + High-gate A Bug's Life 12.55pm La Vita è Bella 6pm, 8.20pm Mighty Joe 1pm, 3.30pm Payback 2.45pm, 4.50pm, 6.55pm, 9pm Plunkett and Macleane 2pm, 4.10pm, 6.20pm,

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WOOLWICH CORONET (0181-854 5043) BR: Woolwich Arsenal A Bug's Life 1.30pm Mighty Joe 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.30pm Plunkett and Macleane 3.30pm, 6pm,

CINEMA

CINE LUMIERE Oueensberry Place. 5W7 (0171-838 2144/2146) Pépé Te Moko (15) 6.30nm Toute La Vi Danse (The Great Waltz) (NC)

ISLAMIC CENTRE Maida Vale. W9 (0171-604 5523| The Boots (NC) 5pm The Last Act (NC) 7.30pm

Bank, SE1 [0171-928 3232] Mirror, Mirror...: First Tuesday Lecture (NC) 1pm Dancing at Lughnasa (PG) 2.30pm Siums of Beverly Hills (15) 6.15pm | Know Where I'm Going! (PG) 7.30pm Bill Viola 4: Anthem/The Passing (NC) 8.40pm The Apple (Sib) (PG) 8.45pm

PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place. WC2 (0171-437 8181) The Prince of Egypt (U) 12noon A Perfect Murder (15) 2.15pm The Full Monty (15) 4.35pm Two Girls and a Guy (18) 7pm The Truman Show

THE PULLMAN EVERYMAN Holly Bush Vale, NW3 (0171-606 2345) A Bug's Life (U) 2.30pm The Hunchback of Notre Dame aughton Version) (PG) 4.30pm Night of the Hunter (15)

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS CINEMA Crisp Road, W6 (0171-420 0100) Sitcom (18) 7pm + On Connait la Chanson IPGI 8.40pm

WATERMANS ARTS CENTRE High Street. Brentford. Middlesex 10181-568 1176) A Bug's Life (U) 1.30pm Brasil) (15) 5pm, 9pm Waking Ned (PG) 7pm

BRIGHTON DUKE OF YORK'S CINEMA (01273-602503) Festen (15) 2.15pm. 6.45pm Aprile (12) 4.15pm. 8.45pm

BRISTOL WATERSHED (0117-925 3845) Now Voyager [PG] 1.30pm Gods and Monsters (15) 2pm, 4pm, 6pm. 8.20pm Little Voice (15) 3.50pm.

6.10pm, 8.30pm CAMBRIDGE ARTS CINEMA (01223-504444)

Shakespeare in Love (15) 12noon 7.10pm American History X (18) 2 30pm, 9.30pm A Midsummer Night's Dream (PG) 5pm

CARDIFF CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-

399666) Festen (IS) 7.30pm The Opposite of Sex (18) 8pm

NEW PARK FILM CENTRE (01243. 786650| Madeline |U| 1.45pm The Vighty (PG) 4pm Patch Adams (12)

6.15pm Central Station (15) 8.45pm IPSWICH FILM THEATRE |01473-215544| A Bug's Life (U) 1pm. 3.30pm Fire (1S) 2 30pm. 6pm Dancing at Lughnasa (PG) 6.15pm, 8.30pm Hamam: The Turkish Bath

CINEMA CITY (01603-622047) The Prince of Egypt (U) 2.30pm Class Trip (15) 5.45pm Shakespeare In Love (15) 8.15pm

PLYMOUTH ARTS CENTRE (01752-206114) The Apple (Sib) (PG) 8pm

THEATRE WEST END

Ticket availability details are for today; times and prices for the week; running times include intervals. Seats at all prices 9 — Seats at some prices ') — Returns only Matiness — [1]: 5un. [3]: Tue. [4]: Wed. [5]: Thur. [6]: Fri. [7]: 5at

• AMADEUS David Suchet stars as Salieri in Peter Shaffer's drama. Old Vic The Cut. SE1 10171-494 5372| BR/O Waterloo, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4] 2.30pm, [7] 3pm, £7.50.£30, 180 mins.

 ANIMAL CRACKERS Stage version of the Marx Brothers classic Lyric Shaftesbury Avenue. W1 [0171-494 5045] & Picc Circ Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [4][7] 3pm. £9.50-£30. 150 mins.

DART Yasmina Reza's comedy about art and friendship, Wyndham's Char-ing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736/cc 867 11111 @ Leic Sq. Tue-Sat 8pm. [4] 3pm. [7][1] 5pm, £9 50-£27.50, 90 mins. BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Fam-

ily musical based on Disney's cartoon fairy-tale. Dominion Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-656 1838) ← Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sai 7.30pm. [4][7] 2.30pm. £18.50-£35. 150 mlns. BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Rus-

Phoenix Charing Liverpool musical.
Phoenix Charing Cross Road, WC2
(0171-369 1733) & Leic Sq. Tort Ct
Rd. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5] 3pm, [7]
4pm, £11.50-£32.50, 165 mins. BUDDY Musical biog show tracing the life of Buddy Holly: Strand Aldwych, WC2 [0171-930 8800]

Addwych, WC2 [0171-930 8800] • Covent Garden, Tue-Thur 8pm. Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm. Sai 5pm & 8.30pm. mars [1] 4pm, £10-£30. half price Fri mats, 160 mins. DCATS Limit Webber's musical versioo of T5 Eliot's poems. New London Parker Street. WC2 (0171-405 0072:cc 404 4079) — 6 Covent Garden/Holborn. Mon-5at 7.45pm. [3][7] 3pm. £10.50-£35. 165 mins.

PCHICAGO Maria Friedman and Peter Davison star in this hit Broadway musical, Adelphi Maiden Lane, WC2 [0171-344 0055] \oplus Charing X. Mon-Sat 8pm. [4][7] 3pm. £16-£36 [Inc booking fee). 130 mlns.

• THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF AMERICA (ABRIDGED) Keenlypaced theatrical history lessoo. Criterion Piccadilly Circus, W1 (0171-369 1747) & Picc Circ, Tue 8pm. £10-£25, 120 mins. D COPENHAGEN New drama from

Michael Frain about the discovery of the atom. Duchess Catherine Street. WC2 (0171-494 5075/cc 344 4444) ◆ Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7,30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, £10-£30, 145 mins. DEFENDING THE CAVEMAN
Mark Little stars in this comedy about the sexes. Apollo Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 |0171-494 5070| → Picc

Circ. Mon-Thur 8pm, Fri-Sat 6pm & 8.45pm, £5-£25, concs available. • DR DOLITTLE Phillip Schofield talks to the animals. London Apollo Hammersmith Queen Caroline Street, W6 (0171-416 6022) & Ham-mersmith. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, [4[7] 2.30pm, ends 28 Aug, £12.50-£32.50. 150 mins.

• THE GIN GAME Frith Banbury directs Joss Ackland and Dorothy Tutin in this drama which centres around a lengthy game of Gin Rum-my. Savoy 5trand. WC2 (0171-836 8888/cc 836 0479] BR @ Channg X. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm. ends 5 Jun. £9.50-£27.50.

O GOOD Charles Dance in CP Tay lor's bumorous drama. Donmar Warehouse Earlham Street, WC2 Mon-Sat 7,30pm, [5][7] 3pm_ends 22 May, £14-£22, concs available.

D GREASE Energetic stage version of the hit film. Cambridge Earlham Street. WC2 (0171-494 5080) Ovent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [4][7] 3pm, £10-£32.50, 150 mins.

· GROSS INDECENCY: THE THREE TRIALS OF OSCAR WILDE Michael Penniogtoo and William Hoyland in Moises Kauiman's reistruction of the downfall of the playwright. Gielgud Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 | 0171-494 5065! Price Circ. Mon-5at 7.45pm. | 4||7|

2.30pm, £7.50-£29.50. ● AN INSPECTOR CALLS Slephen Daldry's production of JB Priestley. Garrick Channg Cross Road, WC2 [0171-494 5085] & Leic 5q. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sai 8.15pm, [4] 2.30pm.

[7] 5pm. £12-£29.50. 110 mins. • MACBETH Starring Rufus Sewell and Sally Dexter. Oueen's Shaftes-bury Avenue. W1 10171-494 5040 cc 344 4444: & Picc Circ Mon-Sai 7.30pm, [7] 2 30pm, ends 5 June, £10.50-£28.50 740 mins.

MAMMA MIA! Musical about a impending wedding day. Prince Edward Old Compren Street, W1 (017)-447 54001 ← Leic Sq Torc Ct Rd Tonght 7pm. [5][7] 3pm. £15-£35.

• THE MEMORY OF WATER Alison Steadman and Julia Sawalha star in this touching corned; about their mother's luneral. Vaudeville Strand, WC2 (0171-836 9987) BR/O Charing X, Mon-Sat Spin, [5][7] 3pm. £3-£27 50, 720 mins

D LES MISERABLES Musical iramatisation of Victor Hugo. Polace Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-434) 09091 & Pric Circ Mon-Sat 7.30pm.

Now Booking

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[5]]7] 2.30pm. £7-£35. 195 mins. MISS SAIGON Musical which resets Madam Bullerfly to Vielnam. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane Cather-ine Street, WC2 (0171-494 5060) |4][7] 3pm, £2.50-£35, 1.65 mins.

THE OXFORD STAGE COMPANY move to

Loodoo with Making Noise Quietly by

Robert Holman (below), 8 trilogy of plays

Whitehall Theatre. London SW1 (0171-369)

exploring 20th century social interaction.

• THE MOUSETRAP Agatha Christie's whodunnit. St. Martin's West Street. WC2 (0171-836 1443) ⊕ Leix Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm, [3] 2 45pm.
[7] 5pm, £10-£24.50, 135 mins.

OKLAHOMA! Maureen Lipman stars in Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical. Lyceum Wellington Street, WC2 | 10870-606 3446) ⊕ Chating X/Embankment, Mon-Sat 7 30pm. [4[[7] 2.30pm, ends 26 June. £10-£35, 180 mins.

) THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Andrew Lloyd Webbet's Gothic musical. Her Majesty's Hay-market. SW1 (0171-494 5400/cc 344 4444] → Picc Circ Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [4][7] 3pm, £10-£35, 150 mins.

THE PRISONER OF SECOND AVENUE Richard Dreviuss and Mar-sha Mason star in Neil Simon's comedy about a mid-life crisis. Theatre Royal, Haymarket Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) ← Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm. [4][7] 3pm. £10-£32.50. • RENT Musical inspired by La Bo-

Ct Rd, Mon-Sai 7.30pm, [4][7] 3pm, £12.50-£32.50. 160 mins. ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE COTTESLOE: The Rlot Nick
Darke's drama from Knoehigh Theatre. In rep, tonight 7.30pm, ends 29 Apr 150 mins.

leme and set in modern day New York. Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (07000-211221) ← Holbom/Tott

• LYTTELTON: Betrayal Pinter's defining work depicts a menage a trois and stars Imogen 5tubbs and Douglas Hodge. In rep. tonight 7.30pm, ends 7 Apr. 90 mins.

● NT2000: Walting For Godot The most nominated play in the National's 2000 series is Beckett's 1955 masterpiece, Tonighi 6pm. OLIVIER: Candide Voltaire's towering work of comic genius lea-tures an all star cast and Bern-slein's beady score. In rep. tonight

7.15pm, Cottesloe: £12-£18, Olm-er & Lytielion: £8-£27, Day seals from 10am, South Bank, SE1 (0171-452 3000) BR/O Waterloo. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY O THE BARBICAN: The Lion. The Witch and The Wardrobe Adrian Noble directs the CS Lewis classic

for children, in rep, today 1 45pm & 7.15pm, ends 8 May. THE PIT: Roberto Zucco Drama inspired by a wanted poster written by Koltes. In rep. tonight 7.15pm, ends 1 May. Barblcan Theatre; £5-£26. The Pit: £11-£18.50. NT2000: £4, concs £3. Barblcan Centre. EC2 (0171-638 8891) BR/&

SACRED HEART Two friends struggle to come to terms with their pasts and daunting futures. Royal Court Upstairs (at The Ambassadors) West 5treet, WC2 [0171-565 5000] & Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7pm.

ends 24 Apr. £10. concs £5.) SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit 1970s musical featuring legendary soogs by the Bee Gees, London Pal-ladium Argyll Street, WI (0171-494 5020) & Oxlord Circus, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4[[7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50, 135 mins.

◆ SHOCKHEADED PETER Junk opera, featuring the Tiger Lillies. Lyric Hammersmith King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311| ⊕ Hammersmith, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, |7| 2.30pm, ends 10 Apr, €5-£18.

• SLAVA'S SNOWSHOW Slava Polounine returns to London. Piccadilly Denman Street, W1 [0171-369 1734) & Picc Citc. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. [5][7] 2.30pm. ends 10 Apt. £10-£27.50.

• STARLIGHT EXPRESS Hi-tech roller musical. Apollo Victoria Wilton Road. SW1 [0171-416 6070] BR/O Victoria, Mon-Sat 7,45pm [3][7] 3pm. £12.50-£30. 150 mins.

THE WEIR Conor McPberson's drama examines ideas of ghosts ar angels. Royal Court Downstairs (at the Duke Of York's) 5t Martin's Lane. WC2 (0171-565 5000) ← Le-[4][7] 3.30pm, £5-£25 90 mins.

WEST SIDE STORY Bernstein's classic musical. Prince of Wales Coventry Street. W1 (0171-839 [5][7] 3pm. £18.50-£35. 160 mins.

) WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND Lloyd Webber's new musical. Ald-wych Aldwych, WC2 10171-416 Mon-5at 7 45pm. [5][7] 3pm. £10-£32.50 120 mins

THE WOMAN IN BLACK Susan Hill's chilling ghost stork Fortune Russell Street, WC2 (0171-835 2239 ng 344 44441 & Coveni Gasten Hofborn

THEATRE BEYOND THE WEST END

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE A Small Drop of Ink: By Many Wounds A girl struggling to cope without her sister. 6-10 Apr. 8pm. E9-£12, concs available. Avenue Road, NV/3 [0171-722 9301] + 5 viiss Cottage

JERMYN STREET THEATRE Forbidden Broadway Revue parodying musicals. The-Sat 8pm, Fri 11pm, Sat & Sun 3,30pm, ends 16 May, £20, concs £12, Jermyn Street, SVI (0171-287 2875) @ Piccadilly Circus

KING'S HEAD, ISLINGTON Joan of Arc Monica Lissal;'s fresh look at this renowned sainL Tue Sun 1pm. ends 11 Apr £5, concs £4 Gob Jason Orange stars in this com-8pm, mars 5at & Sun 3 30pm, ends 19 Apr. £12-£14, concs £9 Upper Street, N1 (0171-225, 1916) ◆ Angel Highbury & Islington

BOX OFFICE

Last Chance to Book

ALTO SAXOPHONIST Maceo Parker (below)

performs a one-off gig this mooth, building on

his recent success with the hit album, Senior

Blues, which established him as a solo artist.

The Forum, London NW5 10171-344 0044)

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*THE INFORMATION ON **Notting Hill**

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What Is It? The nuch-heralded sequel to Four Weddings and a Funeral, the romantic cornedy that launched the career of Hugh Grant and took a huge amount of money at the box office. Scripted again by the egregiously talented Richard Curtis (Blackadder and Mr Bean), the plot essentially teruns that of Four Beddings; charming floppy-haired formet public schoolboy falls in love with, and pursues a glamorous American and, after various serbacks, improbably succeeds. The setting is the fashiooable London district of W11 where our hen runs a bookshop.

Who's in it? Hugh Grant Iright I, gauche but cute and with slightly

RICHMOND THEATRE The House of Bernarda Alba Lorca's study of conflict between a grieving mother and her daughters. 6-10 Apr. 7. 45pm. TRICYCLE THEATRE Up Against the Wall New black musical complete with afros. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.15pm.

THEATRE COUNTRYWIDE

BRIGHTON THEATRE ROYAL Smokey Joe's Cafe Rock'n'roll musical revue, 6-8 Api, 7.45pm, ends 10 Api, £11-£21, concs available, Bond 5treet [01273-328488]

THEATRE ROYAL The Price Compelling drama about two estranged brothers, each of whom carries a burning truth which neither have dared lace, Mon-Wed 7,30pm, Thur-5at Spm, mats Thur & 5at 2.30pm, ends 10 Apt, £3-£19, concs available. King Street [0117-987 7877]

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CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE
And Then There Were None Agaths Christie's whodunnit sel on a remote Island 6-10 Apr. 7.30pm £5.50-£21, cones available. Qaklands Park [01243-781312]

GUILDFORD YVONNE ARNAUD THEATRE muel Pepys - The Secret Diaries Lively musical play inspired by the diaries of serial adulterer Samuel Pepys, Tue-Thut 7,45pm, Fri & Sat 8pm, mats Thut & Sat 2.30pm, ends 10 Apr. £10-£20.50, concs available.

brook [01483-440000] HIGH WYCOMBE WYCOMBE SWAN Earth and Sky Thriller about a librarian with a shady boyfriend, starring Sam Janus Tue-Sat 8pm, mats Wed & Sat 2 30pm, ends 10 Apr. £6.50-£16. 5t Maty's 5treet |01494-512000|

HORNCHURCH OUEEN'S THEATRE Misery Stage adaptation of Stephen King's horror story. Mon-Sat 8pm, ends 10 Apr. £8.50-£12.50, concs £5.50-£7.50. Billet Lane [01708-443333]

MALVERN MALVERN FESTIVAL THEATRE Things We Do for Love Belinda Langstars in Alan Ayekbourn's comedy. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed & Sat

Grange Road (01684-892277) NEWBURY WATERMILL THEATRE Danger-ous Corner JB Priesties's thriller about a mysterious suicide. Mon-Sat 7,30pm, ends 8 May. £6-£16.50. Bagnor (01635-46044)

PETERBOROUGH KEY THEATRE The Holly and the tvy Study of life in a vicarage, Tue-Thur 7.30pm, Fn & 5at 8pm, mats Thut 2,30pm, Sat 5pm, ends 10 Apr £9-£11 50, concs available Embankment Road (01733-552439)

SALISBURY PLAYHOUSE Colombe lean Anouilh's striish er ocation of life in the Paris theatre. Tonight 7.30pm. ends 17 Apr. £8-£15, concs available Maithouse Lane [01722-370333]

WYVERN THEATRE Haunding Julia Alan Ayekbourn's thriller in which a father tries to solve the riddle of his 7.30pm, mats Wed & Sat 2.30pm. ids 10 Apr £7-£10 50, concs avail

PALACE THEATRE The Late Middle Classes Harold Pinter airects Simon Gray's study of family conflict. Mon-Thur 7 45pm, Fri & Sat 8pm, end 10 Apr. 54-£15.75, concs available Clarendon Road (01923-225671)

able. Theatre Square [01793-524481]

THEATRE ROYAL Girls' Night Out Hen-night comedy: Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Thui 2.30pm. Sat 4.45pm, ends 10 Apr. £6-£20. concs available. Thames Street (01753-853888)

tagon Gallerles. Milsom Street (01225-462841)

EXHIBITIONS

CECIL HIGGINS ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM The Last Fifty Years of British Art Prints drawn from the gallery's extensive collecbon, Tue-Sat I 1am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, ends 11 Jul, free. Castle Close 101234-211222)

BRECON THEATR BRYCHEINIOG The Poems of Jules Laforgue: Patrick Caulfield Prints by the Pop Artist, based on the work of the French poet. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, ends 18 Apr, free. Canal Wharf (01874-611622)

CAMBRIDGE FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM Picasso and Matisse Prints, drawings and ceramics. Ends 11 Apr. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2,15pm-5pm, ends 20 Jun, free, Trumpington Street (01 223-332900)

ROYAL ALBERT MEMORIAL MU-SEUM The Art of Hilda Carline: Mrs Stanley Spencer The first major exhibition dedicated to the paintings of Spencer's first wife, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, ends 3 May, free, Queen Street (01392-265858)

GLOUCESTER NATURE IN ART One-Hundred Years of American Prints Prints examining man's relationship with animals, collected by Dallas Pratt. Tue-5un I Oam-5pm, ends 11 Apr. 53.10, concs £2.40, family [2+2] £9.50 (to museum). Wallsworth Hall (01452-731422)

HAYWARD GALLERY Patrick paintings by the leading British artist. Mon. Thur-5un 10am-6pm. Tue & Wed 10am-8pm, ends 11 Apr. £6, concs £4, family £12. Belvedere Road 5£1 [0171-960 4242] BR/ Waterloo.

NATIONAL GALLERY Portraits by Ingres Major exhibition of painting and drawings by the 19th century French artist. Mon. Tue. Thut-Sun 10am-6pm Wed 10am-10pm ends 25 Apr. £6. concs £4. Wed £4 7pm-10pi

Rogier Van Der Weyden in the National Gallery Paintings by the 15th-century Dulch artist. Mon. Tue. Thur-5un 10am-6pm. Wed 10am-9pm, ends 4 Jul, free. Trafaigar 5quare WC2 10171-747 28851 Charing Cross/Leicester Square. NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

artist. Mon-Sat 10nm-6pm, Sun 12noon-6pm, ends 6 Jun. £4, concs £3 5t Martins Place WC2 (0171-306 0055| O Charing Cross. **ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS** Monet in the 20th Century Eighty paintings, Mon-Thur, Sun 9am-6pm Fri & Sat 9am-10pm, ends 18 Apr E9. concs E6. child (12-18) E3. child

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paintings by the Pre-Raphaelite

[8-11] £1.50. Burlington House, Piccadilly W1 [0171-300 8000/413 17171 Green Park. TATE GALLERY Jackson Poliock Major painting retrospective. Mon-5in 10am-5.50pm, ends 6 Jun. £7.50, concs £5, family £19 [First-call 0870-842 2233 + £1.60 bkg fee). Millbank SW1 (0171-887

8000) • Pimtico. VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM The Arts of the Sikh Kingdoms Exhibition exploring 300 years of Sikh heritage. Mon-5un 10am-Sikh heritage. Mon-5un 10am-5.45pm, wnds 25 Jul. ES, concs £3, UB40:disabled/mems/after 4.30pm free. Cromwell Road SW7 (0171-938 84411 O South Kensington

OXFORD ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM Buddhist Art from Tibet: The EM Scratton Collection Extensive collection no-13**bl**e f**or its diversity. End**s 2 May From Cozens to Palmer Waler colours selected from the museum's permanent collection. Tue-Sat 10am-4pm, 5un 2pm-4pm, ends 27 Jun. free. Beaumont Street

SOUTHAMPTON JOHN HANSARD GALLERY Postcards on Photography Paintings and sculpture examining photogra-phy in its absence. The-FrI 11am-5pm, Sat 11am-4pm, ends 11 Apr. free. The University (01703-592158)

ST IVES TATE GALLERY English Roots: Eric Cameron Thousands of layers of paint surrounding organic biects, Ends 11 Apr. Displays 1998-9: Partnerships and Practice Paintings and cerames from the second half of the contury and a selection of contemporary

work Ends 11 Apr. Images of Portmeor Beach: Lubaina Himid Work in progress by the resident artist. Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm, ends 18 Apr. E3.50. concs E2. Porthmeor Beach [01736-796226]

CLASSICAL

THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SO-CIETY For Most of It 1 Have No BARBICAN HALL Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment Bach Cantatas sung by Nathalie Stutzman. Words: Simon Norfolk Photographs from siles of 20th-century genocide. Mon-5un 9.30am-5.30pm, ends 6 Jun. £2.50, concs £1.75. The Oc-Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638

PURCELL ROOM Endymion Ensemble Oliver Knussen's personal choice of music, Toright 7.30pm. £7-£12, concs £5. South Bank, S£1 [0171-960 4242] BR/→ Waterloo.

MIGMORE HALL Liwel Oin Music for cello by Schubert, Ligeti and Chopin, Today I. OSpm. E5, concs £3, Hae-Jung Kim Plano works by Rachmaninov and others. Tonight 7.30pm. £8-£16. Wigmore 5treet. W1 (0171-935 214!] & Bond Street/Oxford Circus.

DANCE

CRAWLEY THE HAWTH English National Ballet: Tour de Force Diverse extracts from five distinctive and exciting ballets, 6 & 7 Apr, 7.30pm. £10-50-£17.50, Hawth Avenue (01293-553636)

PLACE THEATRE Elbow Room All dancing comedy cabaret with a spe-cial appearance from John Hegley, 6-9 Apr. 7pm & 10pm. £10. concs £7. Duke's Road, WC1 (0171-387 0031) + Euston.

THE HEXAGON St Petersburg Bal-let Theatre: Swan Lake Konstantin Tatchkin's new company isjoined by soloists from the Kirov for this performance of Tchaikovsky's timesless love story. Tonight 7.30pm. ends 10 Apr. £13.50-£22.50, concs available. Queens Walk (0118-960 6060)

LITERATURE

BRIGHTON DAVID ARSCOTT The local journalist and author gives an unusual and bumorous talk about the history of Sussex, Borders Books Music Cafe Churchill Square Shopping Centre

101273-731122) Tonight 7pm, free. JOHN-PAUL O'NEILL The poet reads from his work. Going Loco King's Road SW3 (0171-352 8878) Tonight 7pm-10pm, phone fot prices.

COMEDY

MEL AND SUE AT KOMEDIA Channel Four's Light Lunch stars take their frolicsome high jinks on the road. 6-8 Apr. 8.30pm. £12, concs £10.

Gardner Street (01273-647100)

KING'S LYNN **BOB DOWNE - MILLION SELLERS** AT KING'S LYNN ARTS CENTRE High camp and high kicks galore from the crooning superstar. Toolet n. £7.50. concs £6. King Street (01553-764864)

LONDON THE COMEDY STORE The Cutting Edge with Steve Gribbin, Paul Thorn Martin Coyote. Boothby Graffoe and Sean Meo. Tonight 8pm. £11, concs

02341 @ Piccadilly Circus. THE COMEDY NETWORK AT THE TALK OF LONDON Opening night, starring Frank Skinner, Jason Freeman and Barratt & Fielding as The Mighty Boosh, plus special guest, with MC Boothby Graffoe. Tonight 8pm. £12. Parker Street, WC2 (0171-771 2000) @ Covent Garden.

HARRY HILL AT HEN AND CHICK-

surreal and quirky work in progress

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N1 (0171-704 2001) & Highbury & SKEGNESS AN EVENING WITH ROY WALKER

AT EMBASSY CENTRE Calch-phrase's lilting host. Tonight 7.30pm, phone for prices. Grand Parade

CLUBS

CAMBRIDGE

ESPIRITU AT THE FEZ CLUB House. hip hop and funk from Mr Wayne Perry. Tonight 8pm-2am. £4, concs £2-£3, £1.50 before 10pm, free before 9pm. Market Passage (01223-519224)

IT'S ABOUT TIME AT THE SPOT With Nick Hosier and Andy Ward sampling fusion, Brazilian, be-bop and Cuban. Tonight 9pm-late, E3, free be-fore 10.30pm. Malden Lane, WC [0171-379 5900) ← Covent Garden.

DA PHIX AT THE WAG CLUB Laura Miler and Julius Jones throw to-gether hip hop, R&B and boogie Tonight Topm-3am. E5, NUS E3. Wardour Street, W1 |0171-437 5534 Piccadilly Circus.

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CHELTENHAM SOOTY'S MAGIC FACTORY Sooty is joined by new pals Richard Cadell and Little Cousin Scampi. Everyman Theatre Regent Street (01242-572573) 6 & 7 Apr. 1pm & 3.30pm. £4.50-£6.50.

WALTHAM ABBEY PERSPECTIVES ON THE RWS SPRING EXHIBITION Meet the artists and discuss the works over a glass of wine. Bankside Gallery Hopton Street SE1 (0171-928 7521)

BIRMINGHAM CLIMAX BLUES BAND Blues out-fit who charted in the Summer of Disco with "Couldn't Get It Right". Ronnie Scott's Broad Street

BRISTOL INKUBUS SUKKUBUS, ALL LIVING FEAR Gothic delights, Fleece & Firkin St. Thomas Street (0117-927

cals. Corn Exchange Wheeler Street [01223-357851]. Tonight 8pm. chone for ptices.

(01223-511511) Tonight 9pm, £11. CANTERBURY ERROL BROWN Ex-Hot Chocolate vocatiston his Still Sexy tour. Marlowe Theatre The Friars (01227-787787| Tonight 8pm. phone

RICHIE HAVENS Legendary blues soul singer, famed for his rousing 1969 Woodstock performance. Jazz Café Parkway NW1 (0171-916 6060) Camden Town. 6-7 Apr. 8pm. £15. adv £12.50.

MICHAEL BALL British Eurovision cootender and star of the West End musical stage. Royal Albert Hall Kensington Gore SW7 [0171-589 8212) & High Street Kensington. 6 & 7 Apr, 7.30pm. £16-£23,50.

MUSIC

JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK **ABERYSTWYTH** formed by one of its leading

Tonight 7.30pm. £5, concs £4. SINFONYE - HILDEGARD OF BIN-GEN Acclaimed early music group perform the vocal works of the me-dieval abbess. Capel Y Morfa Portland Street (01970-623232). Tonight

INA MAY WOOL, SUSAN JAMES, REBECCA HOLLWEG. MARCUS Outstanding singer-songwriters co-headline. 12 Bar Club Denmark Place WC2 (0171-916 6989) & Tottenham Court Road, Tonight ELLIE LAWSON Polished swing vo-calist, support from saxis! Russell van

Road. 6-10 Apr. 9pm. £15.

ECHOES OF ELLINGTON Full strength big band evoke the Cotton Club and beyood Ronnie Scott's Ftith Street W1 |0171-439 0747) O Leicestet Square. Tonight 9pm & 11.30pm. ends 10 Apr. £15. mems £4.

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Four Weddings, plays opposite the radiani Julia Roberts (right): a demanding part which requires her to impersocate a \$15m-a-picture Hollywood star filming a movie in London. Hugh's friends this time are played by Tim McInnerney, Gina McKet and Emma Chambers. What They Say About It "He's back - and he's floppierto miss those two days in August when baired and crinklier-eyed than ever the neighbourhood celebrates its

... The Notting Hill locations were a shrewd move: classy, elegant and picturesque. Loud and clear, they said 'London' to American multiplex audiences, without being clichéd." Peter Bradshaw, F The Guardian. "Notting Hill



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IAN IRVINE :

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HANDS-ON TEXTILES A charice for ages 3-12 to find out about Sikh cul-ture through textiles. Nehru Gallery: Victoria & Albert Museum Cromw Road SW7 (0171-938 8500) Osuth Kensington. Today 11am, 1pm, 3pm, phone 0171 938 8638 for details, free with usual admission. E5. child free, concs E3.

Blackfriars. Today, phone for de-tails, ends 13 Apr. £3.50, concs £2.

MUSIC

(0121-643 4525) 6-10 Apr. 8pm. £10.50, concs £6.50, mems £6.

7150). Tonight 8pm. £4. RUNRIG Celtic rockers return, now with Canadian Bruce Guthro on vo-

JAH WOBBLE'S DEEP SPACE Ex-PIL bassist weaves a diverse dubwise

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[01793-445401] Tonight 8pm. phone for availability.

HOSSEIN OMOUM! Music from the Persian classical tradition pertemporary exponents. Capel Y Morfa Portland Street |01970-623232).

9pm. E5. concs E4.

den Berg. 606 Club Lots Road SW10 (0171-352 5953) & Fulham Broadway/Earls Court. Tonighi 9.30pm & 12midnight. £5. KYLE EASTWOOD OUINTET Contemporary bop bassist. Pizza Express Jazz Club Dean Street W1 (0171-439 8722) O Tottenham Court

ANNIE ROSS Elegant actress and vocalist. Pizza on the Park Knights-bridge SW1 (0171-235 5273) ⊕ Hyde Park Corner Tonight 9.15pm & 11.15pm, ends 10 Apr. £20, adv £18.

TOM CAWLEY TRIO Postbop pianist Rutland Arms Perry Hill SE6 [0181-291 9426] BR: Catford Bridge. Apr 6, 8pm, phone for prices.

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TUESDAY RADIO

RADIO 1 (97.6-99.8MHz FM) 6.30 Zoe Ball. 9.00 Kevin Greening. 12.00 Jo Whiley. 2.00 Mark Raddiffe. 4.00 Chris Moyles. 5.45 Newsbeat, 6.00 Dave Pearce. 8.00 Steve Lamacq - the Evening Session. 10.00 Digital Update. 10.10 John Peel. 12.00 The Breezeblock. 2.00 Clive Warren.

4.00 - 6.30 Scott Mills. RADIO 2 (88-90.2MHz FM) 6.00 Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Waks Up to Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 12.00 Jimmy Young. 2.00 Ed Stewart. 5.05 Johnnie Walker. 7.00 Carl Davis Classic. 8.00 Nigel Ooden, 9.00 A Century of New York. 10.00 Whicker's New World. See Pick of the Day. 10.30 Richard Allinson. 12.00 Mo Dutta. 3.00 - 4.00 Alex Lester.

RADIO 3 (90.2-92.4MHz FM) 8.00 On Air. 9.00 Masterworks. 10.30 Artist of the Week. 11.00 Sound Stories. 12.00 Proms Composer of the Week: Britten. (R) 1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. The first of eight recitals given

last year at St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, featuring music with a strong American bias. Introduced by Chris de Souza. Chantal Julilet (violin), David Owen Norris (piano), Copland: Violin Sonata. Amy Beach: Three Places, Op 40. Mac-Dowell: To a Wild Rose (Woodland Sketches), Ethelbert Nevin; Narcissus (Water Scenes). Corigliano: Violin Sonata 2.00 The BBC Orchestras. 4.00 Voices.

5.00 In Tune. 7.30 Performance on 3. One of the century's great pianists recorded last February at the Royal Festival Hali, London. Daniel Barenboim (piano). Beethoven: Piano Sonatas in C minor, Op 13 (Pathetique); in E, Op 109. Debussy: Preludes (Book 1). 9.20 Postscript. Five explorations by lan Christie of how cinema has continued the literary and visual tradition of apocalypse. 2: 'Wars of the World'. The First World War was widely interpreted in apocalyptic . terms, which shaped its portrayal in films such as 'J'accuse' and 'The

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7.00 No More Bathsi (1997) (10235), 9.00

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of Rain (1997) (95877). **2.00** The Rockford Files – Godfather Knows Best (1996) (34815). **9.00** Bionic Everafter (1994)

(59099). 10.30 How to Get Ahead in Film (84761). 11.00 Year of the Dragon (1985)

(43022506). See Pick of the Day. 135 One Hot Summer Night (1997) (348484). 2.45 Pretty Poison (1996) (338007). 4.45 - 7.00 The Rockford Files - Godfather Knows

4.00 Pack Up Your Troubles (1932) (6316070). 5.30 Hollywood Hall of Fame

(1013341). **6.00** The New Adventures of

Tarzan (1935) (7657326), 8.00 92 in the

Shade (1975) (65289525), **9.45** Cinema Nation (4845322), **10.00** Salvador (1986)

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(1029954), 8.00 Black Box (8027877).

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DISCOVERY CHANNEL

PICK OF THE DAY

ALEXANDRA CADELL'S droll (2.15pm R4) answers the wish of anyone who has ever idly longed to test the hypothetical contectedness of the guests on Desert Island Discs: two interviewees become castaways and find themselves strangely uncheered by their musical survival kit. Sue Lawley trights contributes her dulcet tones.

anthology The Oxford Book of

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9.30 Song Lines. (R) 9.45 Serial: Just William (-) the

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RADIO 4

11.30 Jazz Notes.

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80th Anniversary.

Work', historian Keith Thomas

draws on these sources from

Alan Whicker chases up some comedy Desert Island Desserts of the ex-pats he first interviewed 15 years ago to quiz them about their Stateside fortune-seeking experiences in Whicker's New World (10pm R2); or tries to - one man has vanished. Perhaps it was too much like hard work the artistic representation of which is up for discussion in Night Waves (11pm R3). DOMINIC CAVENDISH

Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse' tl.30 How Tickled Am I?. and inaugurated a tradition of 12.00 NEWS; You and Yours. moralistic and prophetic spectacle 12.57 Weather. in the cinema of the 20s and 30s. 1.00 The World at One. 130 The Musical Side of the Fami-9.45 Job. The European premiere, given in 1997 at London's Barbican Hall, of Peter Maxwell Davies's pow-2.00 NEWS; The Archers. erful and imaginative oratorio, 2.15 Afternoon Play: Desert Island dramatising the Old Testament story Deeserts. (R) See Pick of the Dey. of suffering and innocence. Cather-3.00 NEWS; The Exchange: 0870 ine Pierard (soprano), Catherine Wyn-Rogers (mezzo), Mark Pad-more (tenor), Kevin MacMillan (bari-010 0444. 3.30 What's Yours Is Mine. (R) 3.45 This Sceptred Isle. tone), BBC Singers, City of London 4.00 NEWS; A Good Read. Sinfonia/Richard Hickox. 4.30 Shop Talk. 11.00 Night Waves. If work has 5.00 PM rarely been popular as a central lit-5.57 Weather. erary theme, representations of 6.00 Six O'Clock News. work nonetheless abound in a 6.30 I'm Glad You Asked Ma That. huge range of writers, from novelists and theologians to philosophers and diarists. In his new

7.00 NEWS: The Archars. 7.15 Front Row, Mark Lawson chairs the arts programme. 7.45 Diary of a Provincial Lady. By E M Delafield, dramatised by Jane Rogers. The averyday 1930s journat of how to run a house, a hus-Richard Coles about the contradicband, a cook, a nanny, two children, bothersome neighbours, irritating relatives, and still manage to keep your sanity and your green fingers. With Imelda Staumton and 12-00 - 6-00 Through the Night. Richard Hope. (2/15). 8.00 NEWS; Face the Facts. John Waite and his team of investigatore tollow up listeners' complaints. 6.00 Today. 9.00 NEWS; Unreliable Evidence.

8.40 In Touch. Peter White with news for visually impaired people. 9.00 NEWS; Case Notes, Lungs are vital for life, but we do not think about them until they start going wrong. Graham Easton looks at how to keep your airways clear.



9.30 Unreliable Evidence. Clive Anderson cuts through the jargon to get to the heart of an issue which affects anyone who uses the legal system.

10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Archangel An eyewitness to Stalin's death claims to know where the dictator's legendary notabook is buried (2/10). 11.00 NEWS; The Now Show.

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis host more stand-up comedy, sketches and songs. With the regular team of Dan Freedman, Nick Romero, David Quantick, Jane Bussmann and guests. 11.30 Talking Pictures.

12.00 News. 12.30 Late Book: Earthly Joys. 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00 As World Service. 5.30 World News. 5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshore Forecast. 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5.47 - 6.00 Farming Today.

RADIO 4 LW (198kHz) 9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service, 12.00 - 12.04 News Headlines: Shipping Forecast. 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast. RADIO 5 LIVE

(693, 909kHz MW) 6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News. 1.00 Ian Payne. 4.00 Drive. 7.00 News Extra.

7.30 The Tuesday Match. Russell Fuller presents coverage of the night's top Premiership and league action. Fixtures include Arsenal v Blackburn Rovers, and Leicester City v Aston Villa.

10.00 Late Night Live. The day's big stories with Nick Robinson. Including 10.30 a full sports round-up. 1100 News and finance. And hetween 11.30 and 100 a sharp and spirited late-night topical discussion. 1.00 Up All Night.

5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports. CLASSIC FM

(100.0-101.9MHz FM) 6.00 Michael Mappin. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 Jamie Crick. 6.30 Newsnight. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert. Andre Previn (plano/conductor). Gershwin: Rhansody In Blue. LSO/Gervase de Peyer. Strauss: Suite 'Der Rosenkavaliar', Vienna PO. Orff: Carmina burana, Barbara Bonney (soprano), Frank Lopardo (tenor), Anthony Michaels-Moore (baritone), Arnold Schoenberg Choir, Vienna Cham-bar Choir, Vianna PO11.00 Alan Mann. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 -6.00 Mark Griffiths.

VIRGIN RADIO (1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 1058MHz FM) 6.30 The Breakfast Show. 9.30 Russ Williams. 1.00 Nick Abbot. 4.00 Harriet Scott, 6.45 London Calling with Harriet Scott/AM Pete and Geoff, 7.30 Pete and Gaoff. 10.00 Gary Davies. 1.00 James Merritt. 4.30 - 6.30 Phil Kennedy.

WORLD SERVICE RADIO

(198kHz LW) 1.00 The World Today. 1.30 Discovery. 1.55 My Century. 2.00 The World Today. 2.30 On Screen. 3.00 The World Today. 3.30 World Business Report. 3.45 Insight. 4.00 The World Today, 4.20 Sports Roundup. 4.30 - 7.00 The World Today (4,30-7,00).

TALK RADIO

6.00 Charlie Catchpole and Nick Ferrari. 9.00 Scott Chisholm and Sally James. 12.00 Crimefighters. 1.00 Anna Raeburn - Live and Direct. 4.00 The SportZone. 7.00 The World of Formula One. 6.00 Cheating Hearts with Jayne Irving. 10.00 Jamas Whale. 1.00 - 6.00 lan Collins.

INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

CHESS JON SPEELMAN

AFTER A state of field equality for the first two days, the elder of the two great warriors, 68-year-old Viktor Korchnoi, took control of his match with Boris Spassky in St Petershurg in the remaining three to win with a game to spare.

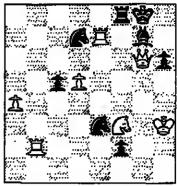
Their contest, which was to mark the 275th anniversary of St Petershurg University, took place from 27 March to 1 April with a final score of 6-4 in Korchnoi's favour, and it featured some excellent play from both players especially in this bruising battle.

Spassky surprised Korchnoi in the opening with the Benko gambit, which it seems he had oever before played in a tournament game.

17... g5?! was weakening and 18... g4?! freed the f4 square for the hishop. This positioo has been played several times previously, inchiding three games by Alexander Khalifman, in all of which he played the better 17... d5.

21.exd5 exd5 and then 22.Nb5 was much safer as was 22.Bd2. After 24... Qxa6 Korchnoi had 32 minutes remaining and Spassky 16. 28.Ra2!? was very hold - 28.Qxg4 Qxa1 29.Rxd7 gxf2 30.Kxf2 is much safer.

In the pyrotechnic diagram, amazingly, 30... f1=Q+ was the losing mistake. Instead, after 30... Rxf3+ 31.Kh2 Rh3+ (31... f1N+ 32.Kg1 Rg3+ 33.Qxg3 Nxg3 34.Rb7! is good for White) 32.Kxh3 f1Q+ 33.Kh2 Qf4+ 34.Kg1 Qf1+ White must acquiesce in perpetual check. After 32.Rg2 it was simple.



White: Viktor Korchnoi Black: Boris Spassky St Petersburg 1999 (8th game) Benko Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.e4 Bxf1 8.Kxf1 d6 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.g3 0-0 11.Kg2 Nbd7 12.h3 Ra6 13.Re1Qa8 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bd2 e6 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.Qc2 g5 18.a4 g4?! 19.hxg4 Nxg4 20.Bf4 d5 21.Nb5 e5 22.Nc7.Qa7

23.Nxa6 exf4 24.exd5 Oxa6 25.Re6 Qh7 26.Re7 fxg3 27.Qg6 Qxb2 28.Ra2!? Ne3+ 29.Kh3 gxf2 30.Rxb2 (see diagram) 30... flQ+? 31.Kh2 Nf5 32.Rg2 Qxg2+ 33.Kxg2 Nxe7 34.Qe6+ Rf7 35.Qxd7 Nf5 36.Qc8+ Bf8 37.Ne5 Re7+ 38.Kh3 Nd6 39.Qe6+ Kh7 40.Nd7 Be7 41.Nxc5 Black resigns

CREATIVITY

THOSE MESSAGES... You Are Please re-Dail; Mountain Rescue Through To (The): Telephone Dating: Afraid all our operators are engaged; Crucifixion Victims Co-Counselling Service: All our counsellors are hung up at the moment: Second Coming: Will be with you shortly (Bruce Birchall). Miss Whiplash: All our Customer Service Providers are tied up right now, Ectoplasm Research: We have been out of the office; Twickers: Please try later (Clair Hubble).

93rd Highlanders' Regiment: Please hold the line: Prisoo Officers Association: Trying to correct you: Fibonacci Society: Please press 1, 2, 3. 5. 8: Legalise Cannabis Campaign: Try hash (Eric Dunkley). Institute of Telepathy: Don't leave your oumber and we'll return your call asap (Tony Brandon).

lar Music Line: For rock press 4:4. for jazz press 6:4, for folk press 6:8, for waltz press 3:4; Esso: Press 4 Star; Medical Helpline: Bladder Problems? Press No.1; Bowels? No.2; The Three Musketeers: Press 1 for all extensions and all for one (Sue Johnson).

Mental Health Institute: Codependent? Ask someone to press 2 for you; Multiple personalities? Press 3.4.5 and 6; Delusional? Press 7 and we will transfer you to the mothership: Low self-esteem? Please hang up as we are far too busy to talk to you (Octavia Leigh). Psychic Association, but you knew that already (TM O'Grady); Psychic Society: Hello Mrs Jones! Irish Taiosach:

Team: Hang on! (P B Thomas). Magic Circle: Hey! Press two!

MENSA: For membership enquiries, press the next button in the series 15, 11, 8, 6 (Tim Stone); Shopoholics Heloline: Dial 1 for a copy of our latest catalogue (Alan Brooker); Shopoholics Helpline: Please wait, you are in a queue; Competition compulsives: Coogratulations, you are our first caller, Excercise fanatics: Press up, press down, up, down (Joan Vinnicombe).

NATO: Sorry, we're eogaged until further notice; Lady Thatcher: Please key in your PINochet 1John O'Byrne); Society for the Insecure: Press any number (NO!! NO!! oot that ooe!) (Derek Holmes); President's Office. To file a sexual harassmeot suit, press 1.To withdrew Classical Music Line: Press the e sexual harassment suit, press 2. appropriate Köchel number; Popu- To be sexually harassed, press 3. You are oumber 863 m the queue (Susar Tomes).

> Eric Dunkley, Sue Johnson and Joan Vinnicombe each win a Chambers Dictionaries of Quotations. A slight change in the rules: challenges will oot automatically win prizes. Tony Brandoo enquires: would Old Mother Hubbard drive a Lada, a Deep-Sea Diver a Mercedes Benz, Pavarotti a Nissan Dorma? Appropriate forms of transport to Loki.Valhalla@htinternet.com or Creativity, Features, The Independent, 1 Canada Square, Loodon E14 5OL by 15 April. Three more Chambers prizes and results oo Get Your Private, Free e-mail at http://www.hotmail.com

SATELLITE AND CABLE

PICK OF THE DAY

THE CAREER of Mickey Rourke characteristic of director Michael and was one of Hollywood's hot drugs trade in Chinatown. properties. Year of the Dragon (11pm Sky Moviemax) stems from that "hot" spell. It suffers from a typically overblown script Robert Daley) and the sort of

(right) seems to be pretty down Cimino post-The Deer Hunter. in the dumps at present, but there However, Rourke is magnetic as was a period in the 1980s when the troubled Vietnam veteran he was making such films as turned New York cop who wages Rumblefish and Angel Heart a one-man crusade against the

Abba-mania is gripping the country on the 25th anniversary of their victory at the Eurovision Song Contest. Celebrate with by Oliver Stone (from a novel by Abba Live at the Beatclub (9pm VH-1).

JAMES RAMPTON



over-the-top violence that is chines (3346780). **12.00** Betty's Voyage (6212026). **1.00** Flightline (3895113). **1.30** The Diceman (9055465). **2.00** Close.

7.00 Court Duckula (29983). 7.30 Grimmy (93790). 8.00 Earthworm Jim (19457). 8.30 Godzila (18726). 9.00 Pokemon (92780). 9.30 The Simpsons (98612). 10.00 Shedow Raiders (81235), 10.30 Xena: Warrior Princess (72780). 11.30 Legend of the Hidden City (44167). 12.00 Tarzan: the Epic Adventure (26235). 1.00 Jaopardy (28254), 1.30 Jeopardy (46099), 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (82964), 3.00 Jenny Jones (48963), 4.00 Pokamon (7816), 4.30 Shadow Raiders (9780), 5.00 Star Trek: Voyager (5341), 6.00 America's Dumbest Criminals (2083), 6.30 Oream Team (1525), 7.00 The Simpsons (7070). 7.30 The Simpsons (7709), 8.00 Speed (3490). **8.30** Coppers (2525). **9.00** World's Wildest Police Videos (85148). **10.00** Bloody Foreigners! (88235). **11.00** Dream Team (3549). **11.30** Star Trek: Voyager (90254). **12.30** Law and Order (88533).

SKY ONE

1.30 - 7.00 Long Play (4790465). SKY SPORTS 1 7,00 Sports Centre (3827231). 735 V-Max (976761). 7,45 Totalsport (975032). 8,15 You're on Sky (7109693). 9,00 Racing News (78709). 9.30 Aerobics (38351). 10.00 Spanish Football: Extramedura vs Cetta Vigo (92877). 12.00 Aerobics (81273). 12.30 Monday Night Footbell: Newcastle Utd vs Tottenham (21419). 2.30

Football League Review: Grimsby Town vs Norwich (8896). 3.00 V-Max (4761). 3.30 Total Sport (3341), 4.00 Gott (76780). 5.00 World Wresting Federation Live Wire (8341), 6.00 Sky Sports Centre (9525). 6.30 Inside Scottish Football (56983). 7.30 Super League: Halifax vs Salford (637728). 10.00 Sky Sports Centre (127631). 10.15 You're on Sky Sports (341902). 11.00 Inside Scottish Football (63341). 12.00 Sky Sports Centre (4391465). 12.15 You're on Sky Sports (7231397). 1.00 Super League Halifax v Salford (48849), 2.30 Inside Scottish Foot-ball (36026), 3.30 Sky Sports Centre

(85997397), 3.45 Close. SKY SPORTS 2 7.00 Aerobics (7072231), 7.30 Sports Centre (4916341). 7.45 Racing (3810983). 8.15 Moto-plus (9767964), 8.45 Sky Sports Centre (9318099), 9.00 Fish TV Fishing North America (7719952). 9.30 Fish TV (9564896). 10.00 The Snow Show (3492693), 10.30 Total Sport (1319916). TLOO Super League: Hull vs Shaffield (8727524), 12.00 World Motor Sport (4127254), 3.00 Cricket: West Indies vs Australia (9530885), 5.00 Second Imings (5110186), 5.30 Cricket West: Indies vs Australia (7891070). 10.00 Golf - Henry Cooper Charity Classic (8559729). 11.00 Sports Unlimited (7272439). 12.00 Fastrax (8788378), 12.30 Total Sport (8207804). 1.00 Golf (8127552). 2.00 Sports Centre (61373533). 2.15 Close.

SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 Wresting (76432877). 1.00 Fish TV (46338963). 1.30 Fish TV (76445341). 2.00 Snooker (10172877). 5.00 Rebel Sports (67576631). 5.30 Fastrax (24)39273). 6.00 Unlimited (7642)761). 7.00 Snooker (96567438). 10.00 Superbouts: Bramble vs Manora (93578815). 11.00 Tales from Premiership Hey, Big Spenders (43534506). 11.30 Close. EUROSPORT 7.30 Swimming (53506). 9.00 Footbell

(11490) 11.00 Football: Eurogoals (29612). 12.30 Football (49815). 2.30 Cycling (28983), 4.00 Football (30654438), 5.45 Football (68892709), 7.30 Strength (20780), 8.30 Boxing (58612), 9.30 Footbal (73032), 1L00 Golf US PGA Tour -BelSouth Classic (65709). 12.00 Olympic Magazine (30200), 12.30 Close. LIK GOLD

7.00 (hossroads (3339490), 7.30 Neigh bours (7789-190). 7.55 EastEnders (8795902). 8.30 The Bil (7369235). 9.00 The Bil (7383815), 9.30 The House of Flott (1075,322), 10,30 Rhoda (7389099) 11.00 Deltas (941254). 11.55 Neighbours (48095)86). 12.25 EastEnders (9560341). 100 Bugs (522-781). 2.00 Dalas (1852322), 2.55 The BB (295542), 3.25 The Bit (2501728) 3.55 EastEnders (8101524), 4.30 Rhods (1020693), 5.00 All Creatures Great and Small (6105780), 6.00 Dynasty (5247525), 7.00 Ever Decreasing Circles (3037411) 7.40 Last of the Summer

(9880438), 9.00 Red Dwarf VI (5269896), 9.40 Crime Traveller (82515032), 10.50 Red Dwarf (3457964), 11.30 The Bill (5713051), 12.00 The Bill (7669991), 12.30 Between the Lines (5262216), 1.25 Dad's Army (2259216). 2.00 The Man from Aunte (6453020). 3.00 - 7.00 Shopping with Screenshop (1695638). 6.00 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (7738235).

6.30 Animal Rescue (1432051), 7.00 Pro-

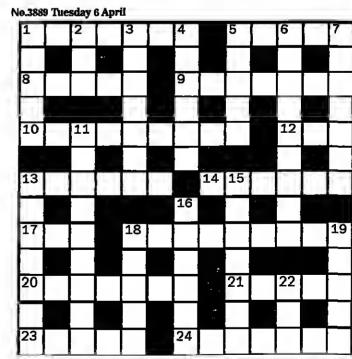
Wine (7873506). 8.20 Dad's Army

lessor Bubble (6231419). **7.25** Caillou (1096457), 7.30 Polka Dot Shorts (1400457). 7.49 Johnson and Friends (1086148), 7.50 Babaloos (4309693), 7.55 Practical Parenting (4308964), 6.00 Barney and Friends (4318341). 8.25 My Zoo (8402490). 8.30 Tiny and Crew (8428983) 8.50 Practical Parenting (9755780). 9.00 Special Babies (3522631), 9.30 Home and Away (2100815). **10.00** The Jerry Springer Show (2600815). **10.50** Maury Povich (7443505) 11.40 Brockside (71747612). 12.50 Through the Keyhole (36963070). 12.40 Rescue 911 (10.954148). 1.50 Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction (89676709). 1.40 Maury Povich (6801525) 2.30 Special Ba-bies (1017167). 3.00 The Jerry Springer Show (4166099). 3.50 Michael Cole (69833-11). 4.40 Home and Away 156358544) 5.10 Through the Keyhole (51594728). 5.40 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (9742506). 6.15 The Jerry Springer Show (8520326), 7.05 Rescue 911 (2090029). 7.35 Animal Rescue (414544). 8.00 LA Law (8007857). 9.00 Films: Shooting Biz-abeth (1992) (5857344). 11.00 Sextasyl (3060490) 12.00 Close.

9.00 Cruciler of Blood (1991) (93556593). 11.00 The Haunting (1963) (99663964). 115 Night Must Fall (1964) (71279484). 3.00 Cructer of Blood (1991) (84899129). 5,00 Close.

PARAMOUNT COMEDY CHANNEL 7.00 Clueless (7612). 7.30 Caroline in the City (9371). 8.00 Mad about You (3032). 8.30 Spin City (2167). 9.00 Drop the Dead Donkey (70506). 9.30 Whose Line is it Anyway? (94235). 10.00 Frasier (80544). 10.30 Cheers (6696-1), 11.00 Seinfeld (75051). 11.30 David Lettermen (47186). 12.30 The Larry Sanders Show (85705). 1.00 h's Garry Shanding's Show (79823). 1.30 Nurses (90804). 2.00 Almost Perfect (80200). 2.30 Trbs and Fibs (96007). 3.00 Mork and Mindy (62587). 3.30 Abbott & Costello (85587). 4.00 Close.

CONCISE CROSSWORD



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24 Furtiveness (7)

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1 French soldier (5)

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DOWN

Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword: ACROSS: 1 Sully, 4 Sitters (Solicitors), 8 Lasagna, 9 Atoll, 10 Coppu, 11 Leakier, 13 Reed, 15 Negate, 17 Dental, 20 Lays, 22 Pianist, 24 Cobra, 26 Prime, 27 Oppress, 28 Wayside, 29 Essen, DOWN: 1 Silicon, 2 Lusty, 3 Yoghurt, 4 Stable, 5 Tiara, 6 Egotist, 7 Solar, 12 Eddy, 14 Eels, 16 Gravity, 18 Escapee, 19 Liaison, 21 At home, 22 Papaw, 23

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1 N IRELAND As BBC1 LONDON except: 6.30 Newsline 6.30 (273). BBC1 SCOTLAND
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BBC1 WALES As BBC1 LONDON & SE except: 6.30 Wales Today (273).

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12.00 Tales from the Darkside (49910). 12.30 Nationwide Football League Ex-tra (44129). 1.30 The Haunted Fishtank 13 (4429). L30 The hautild pristant (89129). 2.00 Judge Judy (8969991). 2.25 Film: Decration Day (982397). 4.10 Wish You Were Here...? (68148200). 4.40 Coach (63092007). 5.00 ITV Nightscreen (38465).

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News and Weather (3543148). 12.55 Lie
Detector (2924964). 2.10 Heart of the
Country (89161051). 5.30 Shortland
Street (148). 6.00 Central News at Six
(761). 7.30 Thirty Minutes (525). 11.20
Central News and Weather (322167).
4.45 Jobfinder (9995303). 5.20 Asian
Eve (9790262).

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Lie Detector (16415877), 1.55 The Jerry
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East News and Weather (9543148). 5.30 North East Tonight (95148). 7.30 Cumbran Tales (525). 11.20 North East News and Weather (322167). As Channel 4 except: 12.00 Dawson's Creek (93549896) 1.00 Planed Plant (69168490), 1.30 Film: Tunes of Glory (95686029) 4.30 Ricki Lake (99586235), 5.00 Planed Plant: Uned 5

11.30 The Big March: UEFA Champions League Special (56525). 12.00 The Making of Arlington Road (49910). 12.30 Nationwide Football League Extra (44129). 1.30 The Haunted Fishtank (89129). 2.00 Judge Judy (8969991). 2.25 Film: Decoration Day (8969991). 2.25 Film: Decoration Day (8969991). 2.25 Film: Decoration Day (898237). 4.10 Wish You Were Here...? (6814820). 4.40 Coach (63092007). 5.90 ITV Nightscreen (38465). YORKSHIRE As Carlton except: 12.20 Calendar News and Weather (9543148). 12.55 Lie (15462262). 12.50 The Last of the Hiding Tribes (86141674). 1.50 Close. 1419481481, 5.30 Countdown (99580815).

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BBC1

BC: Anthony Ant (R) (S) (1544612). yll end Herriet Hyde (R) (S) (5007802). (S) (7708235). **5.00** Newsround (S) (T) Trading Placee – French Exchange

5.39 Neighbours. Serah has seved a life, but has she lost her job ae a result? (S) (T) (700186).

6.00 News; Wasther (T) (693)

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e trip to Cepri. Plus, reports St Kitts, Franca, Eastbourne

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8.30 dragon in naad of an oparetion imel-loving chums (S) (T) (1490).

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0.00 8.30 Jalibirds. The beet of the racant docu-soaps (et laast its about something) continues its stay at New Hell women's prison. A 33-year-old mother on ramand for essault receivas a visit from her boyfriend (S) (85984). howis of laughter (R) (S) (T) (71273). Vicer of Dibiey. Garoldine dacides the Sunday lice needs a radicel overheul. Cue locel resistance

10.30 Chaeing the Tiger. Documenting the apperently hopeleee fight egainst poachers who seem to be numbering the tiger's deve in the wild. As the police mount ineffectual reids against Delhi tradere, martial ar 11.20 8Hly Commolly's World Tour of Austrelia. Ha vieits an outbeck mining town (R) (S) (T) (554709). unt ineffectual reids against Delhi tradere, martial a r Jackle Chen stars in a Chinese ed campeign yinst the use of tiger-bone medicine (S) (T) (881070)

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7:10 Childran's BBC: The Silver Brum 7:35 Top Cat (H) (8583438): 7:55 Top Cat (H) (8583438): 7:55 Top Cat (H) (8583438): 7:55 Top Cat (H) (S) (8567254): 8:20 Burled Treasurs 6:40 Goober and the Ghost Chesse 9:05 The Midas Touch (S) (1390148 9:05 (H) (S) (8805864): 10:00 Top

10.30 IIIM The Ugly Dechshund (Normen Toker 1986 US). A Great Dane puppy grows up with a litter of dechshunds – and believee it's a little dog. Oh what larks. From Dieney, neitch. Dean Jones stars (94254).

12.00 Wildlifa Showceae (R) (S) (78186), 12.30 Working Lunch (98070), 1.00 Oakle Doka (R) (S) (38493273). 1.10 The Leisure Hour (S) (1002877), 2.10 Sporting Greets (S) (89174525), 2.40 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (8585877), 2.45 On Cue with Steve Davis

7.10 The O Zone Mertine McCutcheon (formerty Titl from EestEnders) on her new singing career (S) (T) (651032)

8.00 Univareity Challenge. Durham University take on Trinity College, Cambridge, for a place in the esmi-final (S) (T) (9032).

8.30 Your Money or Your Life. Financial advice for a temala army major who is sick of selfleesly supporting her temily, and a freelance worker with tax eupporting her femily, e problems (S) (T) (B167).

8.30 CHOIRE Greet Reitwey Journeys. Stephen Tompkinson travele from Singapore to Bangkok. Sae Travelogua of the Day, below (S) (T) (477506).

10.20 Coming Clean – the Truth ebout Housework.
Westing up (S) (T) (55934!).

10.30 Newenight. With Jeramy Paxmen (T) (889512).

12.00 The Phil Silvere Show Learning Zone: Open Unive

6.00 Frach Prince of Bei Air. Comedy series with Will Smith (R) (S) (T) (648780).

6.28 Heartbreek High. Those Sydney schoolchildren agein. Serah and Anita compete for jobs, while en unexpected visit ruins Lee's 1811,-birthday party (S) (T) (826831).

7.30 Countarblast. Dr Charles Lane travels to Africe to show the human price of animal conservation, which sees local people avicted from their land and subjected to a life of poverty (S) (158).

8.00 Hancock's Half Hour. Hancock's fellow pessengere on tha train to Giggleswick get irriteted by hie efforts to enliven the long journey (R) (9631).

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11.30 Champione' Leagua Spacial (424254), 12.05
Netonwide Foofball League Extra (9180552), 1.09 The
Haunted Fishtank (3878281), 1.40 Judge Judy (9452581).

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London Tonight. Regional news update for the capital and the South-East (T) (761).

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8.00 The Bill. "Sex, Lies and Videofape". Sun Hill ie the eubject of a fly-on-the wall documentary – but will Boulton beat the ruthless producer at her own geme? This hour-long episode is written by Tony Mulhollend (T) (8877).

Peek Practice. The last in the current seriee of the rurel docs soep, and Clare Shearer (Flone Gillias) returne to Cardele to settle a scora (S) (T) (1341).

10.00 Wonderful You. More from those Crouch End twenty/thirtysomethings. Clere is furious with Marshall for telling Hanry about their wedding plans, and Marco edjusts to life as a single perent (S) (T) (1728).

11.00 ITV Nightly News; Westhar (T) (444728)

20 London Tonight (T) (322167).

Jemes Gamer uncovers some hidden secrets when he tries to persuade an angry childhood friend to eccept his king-overdue Medal of Honour (S) (963262). To 3.45em.

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DMTV (2:02896).

Your Shout (9543148), 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News: Weather (T) (2949273), 12.55 London Todey (T) (294984), 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (498780), (2924984), 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (498780), 2.40 Lie Detector (T) (89181051), 2.40 Wheel of Fortune (S) (T) (2362490), 3.10 ITV News Headlines (T) (6015089).

Childre n'a ITV: Mopetop's Shop (5050322). 3.30 Rosie and Jim (5824728). 3.40 The Wombles (5804984). 3.59 Scooby Doo (5827815). 4.10 Snap (7399831). 4.40 How II (S) (2219877). 5.00 Lie Detector (T) (1542). 8.30 Good Stuff (S) (148).

ITV Evaning Nawa; Weethar (T) (341).

Emmerdela. Mendy and Paddy get an unpleasant shock, white Rechel witnesses the dangerous side of Graham's personetity (S) (T) (7438).

First Edition. A report on the use of closad-circuit television cameres – or at least that's the excuse as we get loads exciting real-life crime footage (S) (525).

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10.00 Fether Ted (R) (S) (T) (84983).

The 11 O'Clock Show (T) (842438), 11.45 Electric Avenue (402159), 12.15 Hitler's Forgottsn Victims (R) (S) (2439666), 1.20 The Wonderful Horrible Life of Leni Riefenetahi (R) (T) (5888568).

4.30 Eddle Cantor gets involved with a phony medium end some Busby Berkeley sete (8799755). To 5.50em.

Fantastic Voyages of Sinbad the Sallor (7281322). 10.15
Buge Burny (7543235). 10.25 News (2388438).
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Harryhausen's stop-motion enimetion and Bernard "Psycho" Herrmann's econe edd interest to this adaptation of the Julas Verne story about a group of US Civil War sokilers who escepe from prison by balloon. They lend on an Island where Herbert Lomis Captain Nemo has been experimenting in enlerging animela (T) (26670849).

9.55 Planef Pop (772964). 7,00 Channel 4 News. Including sport and weether (T) (930693).

7.55 Davefales. More thoughts from Northern Ireland, which are tonight provided by surgeon Lawrence Rocke, whose teem treeted victims of the Omegh bombing (825815).

9.00 Brookeids. Lindsey is playing with fire end must decide whether or not to take Jimmy's advice. Jimmy's advice? lethe women mod? (1) (4728).

Classic Brifish Cars. "The Forgotten Marques" looks at Jowett and Rootes, who expanded after the wer but overreached themselvee with such innovelive cars as the 1947 Jowett Javetin end the 1963 Hillman Imp (3235). N:101N3 Daad Men Talking. Documentery following e two-yeer murder inquiry in Hempshire. Seo Documentary of the Day, below (T) (9983).

Queer es Folk. Swart throws a surprise perty for Vince's 30th birthday (T) (413726).

TIME Kid Mittions (Roy Del Ruth 1834 US). The first of e double bill of Eddle Cantor musicals which sees our man travelling to Egypt to delim en inheritance (846281).

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7.00 OO Tha Big Sreakfast (92815). 9.00 The Bigger Breekfeet (T) (43490). 9.30 Sem end Max (87322). 10.00 Eerle, Indiene: the Other Dimension (58983). 10.30 Catdog (3293146). 10.49 Plenet Pop (810631). 11.15 Moesha (817544). 11.45 The Bigger Breekfeet (2542896). 12.00 Sesame Street (T) (53254). 12.30 Bewitched (R) (S) (T) (98438). 1.00 Pet Rescue (95902). 1.30 Mountein Gorille (58251505).

(A) (S) (T) (2813273). 7.30 Milkshakel (S) (2701631). 7.38 (F) (S) (T) (2813273). 7.30 Milkshakel (S) (2701631). 7.38 Deppledown Farm (A) (4132544). 8.00 Alvin end the Chipmunks (F) (8912877). 8.30 Wilchworld (891148). 9.00 Was it Good for You? (4976273). 8.25 Russell Grant's Poetcerde (3334893). 9.35 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6931896). 10.25 Sunset Besch (S) (T) (4317070). 11.15 Leaza (S) (3098893). 12.00 S Newe at Noon (S) (T) (8915984). 12.30 Family Affaire (S) (T) (2338713). 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (S) (T) (2912544). 1.30 The Roseanne Show (S) (1033344). 2.00 (100 Per Cent Gold (S) (2218761). 2.30 Good Afternoon (S) (8809631).

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THE TUESDAY REVIEW
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1.40 **INTIME Wuthering Heights** (Williem Wyler 1939 US). With Merla Oberon ae Cethy and Laurence Olivier es Heethcliff. See *Film of the Day*, below (1) (32517508).

3.30 Collactore' Lof (T) (419), 4,00 Fifteen to One (S) (T) (254), 4,30 Countdown (S) (T) (7725902), 4,55 Ricki Lake (T) (9570235), 5,30 Pet Rescue (T) (490).

3.30 IIIM Vanishing Act (David Greena 1986 US).

Made-for-TV thriller starring Mike Farrell ss a honeymooning husband who reports his wife missing to the police. The wife ie found, but Ferrell claims the women is an impostor. Margot Kidder end Elliott Gould (se the investigating detective) co-star (1) (2083419).

9.30 100 Par Cent. The game show without a host (S) (6210728).

9.20 8 News (S) (59324525).

9.30 Home Improvement. Mark's new ekills in karata don't imprese Lauren (S) (T) (980761). 8.00 King of the Hill. Peggy insists thet Cornie should be ellowed to join the school's ell-boy wreetling taem (R) (S) (T) (631). 8.00 5 Naws, including First on Five. Netional end international news with Kirsty Young (S) (T) (6200341). 6.30 Femily Affsire. Sade tries to prove her Caribbeen cookery skills to Dusty (S) (T) (6291693).

7.00 Knight Rider. It's the tsiking cer to the rascue as Devid Hasselhoff Infiltretee a ring of litegal Texan gun treffickers (2227977). 7.30 Animal Msrvela. Widdlife documentary that looks at the mutuelly agreeable pertnership between ants and plants (S) (1) (6297977).

8.00 Are You Being Chsated? Will Daws looks at the growing problem of computer eoftware piracy, which has turned into a thriving cottage industry (S) (T) (2236525).

8.30 What Wonf Wrong? Looking at the cases of a hot-air balloon caught on eome powerlinas, and a runaway trein (S) (T) (2215032).

based drema, based on real courtroom tronscripts, ebout an advertising executive who was euod after n white-water ratting expedition went badly wrong. Alan Aide playe the exec, who arvites his staff and top clients on a rafting holiday in the Canadlen Rocklae. But a mixture of errogance and competitiveness leads to the deathe of several of the men (S) (T) (493800098).

10.50 Two. Gus begine to date a women, only to discover she is not quite what also seems (S) (3770803).
11.45 Live and Dangerous (S) (7862273). 12.25 Live and Dangerous (continued) (S) (74/435129). 5.30 100 Per Cont (R) (S) (6934007). To Bern.

TELEVISION GUIDE BY GERARD GILBERT



WUTKERING NEIGHTS (140pm CA, right) The film in which Laurence Olivier - under the lutelege of director William Wyler - clnimed he loemed to not for the screen. Divier hod Wyler - clnimed he loemed to not for the screen. Divier hod wanted his wife, Vivion Leigh, to play Cally to his Heathcliff, wanted his wife, Vivion Leigh, to play Cally to his Heathcliff, but the unfortunekely bloodless Merie Oberon had already been sleted and Leigh went off to make something ceiled been sleted and Leigh went off to make something ceiled Cone with the Wind. Emily Brontë's story is transported to the Georgian period (hetter fracks, according to Sam the Goldwyn), while 1,000 heelter fracks, according to Sam Georgian period (hetter plants were imported into the Californion hills for filming. The script was by Ben Heeth and Charles MacArthur, and the photography by Gregg Toland.

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detective story for oil lovers of real-life crime. It begins when a tracfor accidentally digs up a decomposing hody in a field in Hampshire. The case is treated as murder from early on when blows are found to the victim's head, but in order to help determine the person's identity, the specialists have to he called in. These include Richard Neave from the University of Manchester; who deals in "skull reconstruction", and Dr David Whittaker, who extrapolates the victim's diet from the way his Le We Su Be ye sc th 19 lo

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